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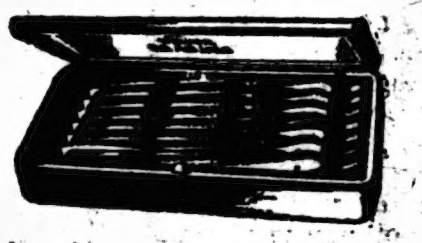

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THE WORLD, THE FLESH, AND THE DEVIL.

[*The Editor discourses upon passing events and topics of the day.*]

Ireland.

Doesn't every day make it clearer that ours is the only solution—the dividing up of the country into two parts, British and Independent Ireland? To talk of "the Irish people" is an abuse of words. There are two peoples—distinct in everything which goes to make up nationality.

The Mighty Fallen!

"How are the mighty fallen"! Thus the *Daily Express* on the Irish debate. "After Mr. Asquith's mild half-hour's speech, Sir Hamar Greenwood replied in crushing fashion. *It was like a mountain falling on a mouse.*" *Sic transit.* Thus pass the glories of this world! Hamar the mountain—Asquith the mouse!

The Sinn Fein Terror.

Whatever else may be said, nobody will question the courage of Sir Hamar Greenwood. There was much significance in that statement of his that "even servants of this House may be in grave peril." Few would care to take on his job.

"By the Throat."

Once more the Prime Minister has been a little previous, as they say in America. Within a couple of days of his announcement at the Guildhall that the Government had "got murder by the throat," came the worst series of assassinations which has so far darkened the history of Ireland. These after-dinner speeches *do* come home to roost!

Joe Devlin.

Mr. Devlin, M.P., has thoroughly established himself in the rôle of stormy petrel in the House of Commons. And yet only a few weeks ago he wrote us that he didn't propose to come back to Westminster!

The Wrekin Election.

Elsewhere we deal with the moral of this fight. On the whole, Mr. Duncan has taken his beating very well—you see, he is getting used to this kind of thing.

Hoarded Gold.

When will the Government see the wisdom of placing more gold in circulation? After all, the war is supposed to be over.

The New Licensing Bill.

So, after all, it did not matter that an acute attack of bronchitis would have prevented our moving the rejection of this stupid measure—the Government having had the sense to drop it. We must now, however, tackle the Control Board.

The Ex-French President.

The statement that M. Deschanel is about to return to public life may safely be disregarded. Politically he is as dead as Woodrow Wilson.

The Duke's Army.

Much interest has been aroused by our question to Mr. Churchill about the Duke of Athol's private army. One man—one army, is indeed, a new cry.

Neglected Sailors' Graves.

Reports reach us of the shameful condition of the graves of sailors who died during internment at The Hague—notwithstanding that the Naval authorities promised that proper monuments should be erected. Yes, it's time we thought of the Navy.

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Mesopotamia.

The advent of General Townshend to the House of Commons comes at a timely moment. Two years ago he warned the Government of the folly of a military occupation, and predicted just what has happened.

Xmas Present for Germany.

There is a persistent rumour in Germany to the effect that the Kaiser is to be returned to his country at Christmas time—probably after a plebiscite such as that organised in the case of Tino of Greece. What says the League of Nations?

Germany and the League.

And, by the way, whatever was our good friend Mr. Barnes thinking of in proposing at the Geneva Conference that Hunland should at once be admitted to the League of Nations? We shall next have some delegate proposing that the Kaiser and Tino should be made Vice-Presidents!

Our Boxing Boys.

As we somewhat feared, "Smiler" Hales was asking our boys just a little too much at the Albert Hall. But to have won two out of the four events, and to be beaten only on points after a twenty-round contest in the principal event, was not a bad performance. We will have those Championships yet!

M.P.s' Salaries.

Surely this phrase is a misnomer. There isn't a member whose £400 a year, after the illegal deduction of Income Tax, is not absorbed in expenses.

Our Legal Recollections.

Everybody is asking when these are to be published in book form. We must refer them to Odhams Press Limited. One well-known Judge has ordered twelve copies!

The French Loan.

That was a great idea on the part of the French Government to get every shop in France to put the whole of a certain day's takings in the new Loan. We have much to learn from our Ally in the way of propaganda.

Not Official.

According to Mr. Pringle, the House of Commons members have now gone from champagne and half-crown coronas to "water and woodbines." How does he know?—we thought he was no longer an M.P. Has brother Hogge been talking?

One for Uncle Sam.

How does America like this extract from Ludendorff's Memoirs: "We have beaten the Americans, even when we were very inferior in numbers. Our men are not anxious about the Americans, but they *are* about the English!" So perhaps we *did* help to win the war.

The Unknown Sailor.

Thus a Dover reader, writing from H.M. Gun Wharf: "In our cemetery here there are many unknown and unidentified heroes of Zeebrugge and Glatton, and we think that a sailor ought to have the honour of being placed at the side of his soldier comrade." So do we.

Income Tax Collection.

Surely a more businesslike method of collecting income tax could be devised than that of making people return their gross incomes and then claim rebates under all sorts of headings. Why not be content with a declaration of net income—subject, of course, to proper penalties for any false return?

The Occult Revival.

Everybody nowadays takes an interest in what is commonly called spiritualism, but the charlatans who for so long preyed upon the credulity of the public have had their day. People are turning to men like Dr. Ellis Powell, whose wonderful articles—now appearing in the *National News*—are the chief theme of Sunday conversation.

Barnacles and Bunkum.

In the House of Peers, Lord Gainford has made a valiant effort to compel the Government to shunt their acres of official barnacles in the public parks, only to be met by the preposterous reply that new accommodation could not be found elsewhere until the year of our Lord 1924. This is precisely the idea. The barnacles are to hang on even unto the Day of Judgment if not previously shifted, for the Government haven't the heart to scrape the ship of the lot. The barnacles and the soft places where they stick ought to be swept up and out together.

In Their Own Coin.

A big firm of shipbuilders are feeling raw because their tender for a large contract was turned down in favour of a Dutch firm, who undercut their price. In defence of their higher figures, the British firm complain of the cost of labour and the possibility of strikes. They have some of our sympathy, and would have it all did we not hear that the said firm themselves gave one of their contracts to a Dutch concern, over the heads and tenders of British competitors for the work. It looks rather like the chickens coming home to roost.

On Sheppey.

Affairs in and about the now-disused aerodrome at Leysdown, Isle of Sheppey, require looking into. A bungalow was commandeered in 1916 and vacated early in 1919, but possession is not given up because it may, perhaps, be again wanted! There are concrete houses and other buildings specially erected, all empty now, save for a caretaker, "clerk of works," and the men who assiduously tar a road that nobody uses. Four soldiers kept guard over nothing until September of this year, and wondered what their duties were. It seems about time to wake up at Leysdown.

Paying the Piper.

A firm at Preston recently received a bombshell from the Enemy Debts section of the Clearing Office, in the shape of a demand for £2 13s. 5d., made up as follows:—Principal debt, £2 1s.; interest thereon from 1.9.14 to 27.9.20, at rate of 5 per cent., 12s. 5d. "If this amount is not received by return of post," ran the printed form, "interest will continue to run against you." It is evident, therefore; that debts which have been growing whiskers for the past six years—whilst it was illegal to pay them—are raked up as if the whole responsibility of delay were due to the debtor himself. How Fritz must smile!

Pussyfoot Claptrap at Weymouth.

An insidious piece of Pussyfoot propaganda has just been planted on Weymouth, by a concern called the Weymouth Pledge League, of which T. Burberry, Esq., is designated president and H. M Ward, secretary. In a pamphlet circulated by this precious collection of cranks, we are told that the members have "banded themselves together" to stop "the sale of Strong Drink on God's Day." On a little green slip they ask the good people of Weymouth to pledge themselves not to vote for any Parliamentary Candidate who will not promise to support in the House of Commons a measure prohibiting the sale on Sunday of intoxicating drink. We trust the people of Weymouth to treat such hypocritical bunkum exactly as it deserves.

For Man and Wife.

When a public institution advertises it does not usually hide its name. But the heads of certain "Boys Homes in East London" are careful to do so. Perhaps it is because their advertisement asks for a House Master and Dormitory Matron—she must be a "good needlewoman"—at a joint wage of £50 a year for man and wife. It is true that "apartments, board, laundry, etc.," are thrown in, but that does not make the salary decent or respectable.

A Clean Sweep.

Ridiculously paltry is the stoppage, on the ground that it is an infringement of the Gambling Act, of the old-fashioned custom of guessing the marrow seeds at Christmas. A seaman aboard one of H.M. ships at Portland describes this as "a big blow to the working-classes." Rich people and those not yet poor, he says, are allowed to back horses till the cows come home, but these small sweepstakes are suppressed as if they were a most iniquitous and ruinous gamble.

"Fur Meine Puppe."

For the insignificant sum of threepence, it is now possible to purchase in English shops a cute little feeding-bottle, "For My Dolly." To be sure, it is "Made in Germany," but then it is a Cosmopolitan affair, intended not only "For My Dolly" but also "*Pour ma Poupée*," "*Per mia Puppazza*" and "*Für meine Puppe*." Such is Kultur. Whilst we merely concern ourselves with the feeding of the poor alien child, the Boche beneficence caters for the little waxen playmates of our wee mites. Hoch!

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Characteristic of the extortion of some landlords in these times of house scarcity is the case put before the Marylebone Magistrate by a number of ex-soldiers. In 1914 the rent of the whole house was £90 a year. Last year the landlords put a small sink and a gas stove on each floor, and then let off the place in flats, the total rent received being £504 a year. That is the position to-day. We hope the ex-soldiers concerned will give the County Court Judge an opportunity of saying a few words.

Belch Again.

A week or so ago we had to speak to Mr. Belch, J.P., Chairman of Staines Guardians, for the good of his health. As we regret his health has not improved, we have to talk to him again. At the last meeting of the Guardians a proposal was made that ex-soldiers and sailors suffering from loss of memory should be treated in "proper homes fit for heroes," and not in Poor Law institutions. Mr. Belch, however, preferred the Workhouse for them, as a place where they would be much better off. It goes without saying, Mr. Belch would not like one of his own sons treated in the Workhouse. Ex-Service men have a right to resent, and resent hotly, such a provision.

Mother Well!

A Motherwell reader complains that in his town, when a child is born, a municipal nurse comes in to weigh it and gives orders which very often do not coincide with those given by the nurse whom the mother has personally engaged. He wants to know whether the authorities have any legal right of interference. Our reply is that an Englishman's house is his castle, and a Scotsman's ought to be.

Starving Hospitals.

Probably to levy a charge according to means from all who use the London hospitals will go a considerable way to maintain these voluntary institutions. Thousands of people who use the hospitals are well able to pay, and don't—people who are earning what is called "good money." Among a certain class, hospital-going has attained almost the character of a morbid monomania; they rush to the gates for every little ill.

Women Again.

In the *Western Evening Herald* there appears an advertisement by an Exeter architect, Mr. Lucas, who requires women, "preferably land girls," to enable him to build "*Pieds de Terre* and Cob Houses"; and this while he must know that thousands of ex-Service men in Devonshire are unemployed, many of them on the verge of starvation. What Lucas looks for, obviously, is cheap labour.

Left Tenants.

The Great Northern Railway Co. sold by auction on two days recently, among other things, 1,400 umbrellas, 2,000 walking-sticks, a bundle of crutches, and two cork legs. Perhaps the men who left their cork legs in the railway carriage felt weary, and unharnessed them to take off their boots. Probably their station was suddenly called a few moments afterwards, and they had to hop the journey home. Which shows that a man with a cork leg should never take one drink over.

"Something Accomplished."

Under the above heading we stigmatised the action of the Civil Service Commissioners when they, while refusing an applicant permission to sit for the examination under their scheme, calmly appropriated and stuck to the fee of 5s. paid in advance by him. In their written refusal they put it, as though with official finality, "the fee is not returnable." Evidently they noted our gentle remonstrance, for the Secretary of the Commission has now returned that "unreturnable" 5s. as "Value of Civil Service fee stamp." Second thoughts are best, especially when judiciously prompted.

Half-Fed Seamen.

In regard to the question asked in the House of Commons as to the number of British seamen who desert their ships in America, a merchant Jack, writing from Buenos Aires, assures us that the reason for these common and considerable desertions is that the British seaman is often badly fed and badly treated aboard his native ship. "Again, there is more money in American ships, and a job always waiting for a British sailorman in America. From one vessel we had six men desert because of the food. We are half-starved now; complain, but get no satisfaction." We are afraid it is a true Bill.

Local Limerick.

(*Alderman Mills, builder, Bath, said he had men in his service who laid no more than 16 bricks a day.*)

There was a Bath builder who said
Men laid sixteen bricks only per head;
That is not a good lay,
Much better 'twould pay
To lay sixpenny fresh eggs instead.

Will he Win-chester?

The prospective Parliamentary Labour Candidate for Winchester is a Mr. A. W. Haycock who, afflicted with the mental obliquity of his kind, is proud of the fact that he underwent two years' imprisonment as a conscientious "object" in the very city which he now seeks to represent. In view of the military associations and traditions of the constituency, it would appear that Mr. Haycock has about as much chance of heading the poll as has a fourpenny ice of remaining solid in Hell.

Desolated Dover.

Dover complains that it is neglected by the Admiralty except in war-time. Then its harbour is full; to-day not a single destroyer is left. There is no organisation to clear the Straits of the mines that still float in from the uncleared German mine-fields. The ships have gone to Western ports, where trade and business flourish accordingly. It may, however, comfort itself with the reflection that it is unduly favoured in regard to the cross-Channel civilian traffic.

Appealing.

This from a Tonbridge almshouse: "Mr. JOHN BULL. Please sir, can you get the Old Age Pension risen now. It is impossible to live on it. The bread has risen, and I pay 3s. 4d. cwt. for coal. Why, when I was a girl my mother used to pay only 1s. 6d. cwt. for it. Dear sir, try what you can do for us. We shall only starve if it goes on like this." We shall have to wangle the old lady into the Government; then she will be almost certain of an increase of salary.

Hell For Horses.

Despite constant criticism, the Government do not appear to trouble their heads at all about the still damnable traffic in old horses from this country to the Continent. The Belgian paper *Le Matin* recently had an article emphasising, as we have so often emphasised, that horses sold for meat are frequently re-sold for work; that how they are killed in some hands is a crying scandal; and that if this traffic must continue, then these worn-out horses should be consigned to official abattoirs, not to private shambles. It is a wicked traffic in callous cruelty.

Barring the Bar.

Whatever ex-Service man gets the job of Road Surveyor at £80 a year and £70 bonus under Lleyn Peninsula (Wales) Council, may thank his lucky stars that he is not barred from the bar. One Jones, a Calvinistic deacon, demanded that the successful applicant should be a pumpuritan, and one Roberts and the Chairman supported. The Road Surveyor was, however, saved by Mr. Robert Williams, evidently no friend of Pussyfoot. "There is no danger of anybody getting drunk on this salary," he said. And he is right. It simply couldn't be done, even if they gave the man another ninepence.

Fools All.

By all accounts one of the masterly activities of Exeter College, in the city, is the production of idiots. Students from it set forth on a recent night to paint the city statues red. Even the beard of old Bishop Hooker suffered so, and General Buller could not save his face. It is about time that these "rags," always a nuisance and frequently a danger, were put down with a strong hand.

Odds Against.

There is no encouragement in these times to start business in the baby line. A few days ago an ex-Service man, living with his wife and child in Weston-super-Mare, replied to an advertisement offering a vacant room. "Sir," came back the anonymous reply, "Regret I cannot let my room to anyone with children. Yours truly, V.T., *Mercury* Office." This frightened female, who would never have been born but for her father and mother, had not even the courage to sign her name.

An Opportunity.

A dispenser has been appointed to the Military Hospital, Bodmin. The gentleman is a Councillor and a chemist with a large shop in the town. Also there dwells an unemployed ex-Service man, who has been wounded and gassed, but is fully qualified for the post. However, he never heard of the vacancy, either through the Exchange or the military authorities. To us it seems the correct moment to suggest to the chemist that it would be a gracious and graceful act to retire.

Ignored Now.

According to the *Chronicle*, the local newspaper of Leigh, Lancs., the Mayoral Banquet at that town was attended by numerous celebrities of the neighbourhood, including Mr. James Parker, M.P. and Companion of Honour—"which," the paper quaintly observes, "is considered higher than a Knighthood." Mr. Parker is also a junior Lord of the Treasury, and that makes more conspicuous the fact that "the toasts of the 'Army and Navy' and 'The Press' have on this occasion been left out, and with advantage." We do not fathom the "advantage" of the insult to the Army and Navy, but the ingratitude is glaring.

Trading on the Dead.

The despicably sordid method of advertising adopted by Ellis, tailor, of 369, Cleethorpe Road, Grimsby, will surely do his business more harm than good. In the *Grimsby Telegraph* of November 10th, he inserted the following: "Westminster Abbey—where our Unknown Warrior is to be laid at rest on the 11th instant—was commenced by Edward the Confessor . . . Loyalty to our Island traditions is typified by this ancient Abbey, and as loyalty implies service, so is service the sure foundation of success. ELLIS TAILORING SERVICE is a successful foundation . . . etc." To attempt to trade on so solemn an incident as the burial of the Unknown would only occur to a man devoid of reverence and devoid of decency.

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PRISONER AT THE BAR.—HERBERT GEORGE WELLS.

BEFORE MR. JUSTICE BULL.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Put up the prisoner. Herbert George Wells, it is with deep regret that I see a man of your great capacity and scholarly attainments arraigned as a Prisoner at the Bar of this Court. Still, the charges against you are of such a nature that a Jury of your countrymen, under my direction, could do no other than find a verdict of "Guilty" upon the counts alleged. When it was announced not many weeks ago that you were to contribute a series of articles to a Sunday newspaper upon the subject of Bolshevism as it exists in Russia, I naturally hoped that we were to receive from you a fair and unbiased verdict, but you have furnished us with nothing better than a whitewashing exhibition, intended to throw a glamour of decency around the sinister forms of Lenin and Trotsky and those other revolutionary figures who have made a lurid hell of what we once called "Holy Russia." If I could believe that you had written honestly even from the standpoint of your own wild philosophy, I might be disposed to deal less severely with you. But I cannot rid myself of the impression that you are once again striving for effect, and endeavouring to secure by sensational methods what, if you were a wiser man, you might leave your own considerable talents to effect. What is that you say?

PRISONER: You speak unjustly, my Lord. Surely you will not deny that throughout the course of my literary career I have spoken frankly and fearlessly upon any subject that engaged my notice. I was not "sent" to Russia, as others have been, to report pleasantly to any section of British opinion. If the articles I have published have had an ill-effect I am sorry, but was I to foresee that what I wrote would be made unscrupulous use of by persons of evil intent?

MR. JUSTICE BULL: That, Prisoner, is what I should have expected you to say. It has always been your misfortune to suffer largely from the disease of "swelled head," to which—I fear—literary men are peculiarly subject. Your chief offence in my eyes is that you lack the sense of responsibility that ought to attach to the utterances of every public man. As I glance at your earlier writings, I find that you express the aversion that every decent man must feel over the horrors of revolution, the hideous excesses of civil war and other disorders inseparable from the overthrow of our established institutions. Yet you have returned from Russia to say that Bolshevism, as you saw it there, represents an advance on our older systems of government. Surely you can imagine the effect this statement may have upon discontented elements in our own country.

THE PRISONER: I confess that such considerations have never troubled me. From my early student days, when I gained exceptional distinction at the Royal College of Science as a bold and original experimenter, I have endeavoured always to arrive at the truth without reference to considerations of expediency. And it was so when I attacked the institution of marriage—perhaps the most venerated of all our *bourgeois* conceptions. To me it seemed to limit the opportunities of human happiness, cramp the energies of love; to withhold from thousands of human beings the chance of free development. I said what I thought freely, careless of the consequences. Was I wrong?

MR. JUSTICE BULL: You have brought up the very matter upon which I was about to speak. You have spoken of your experience as a Zoological student, and if you choose to approach these sacred subjects from what I call the "Stud-farm standpoint" I daresay there may be something to be said for your conclusions, but when all is said the average British citizen takes a far different view of the responsibilities arising from the union of the sexes. The jury have found, and I can see no answer to their verdict, that you have for years been an advocate of "Free Love," and that the whole tendency of your teaching is calculated to destroy the sanctity of marriage. This in itself is a sufficiently heavy indictment. Shall I proceed?

PRISONER: I would like, my Lord, without further ado, to know the view you take upon the Jury's findings, and the penalty you propose to award.

MR. JUSTICE BULL: Listen, then, Prisoner! Upon the evidence before me I am bound to hold that the whole tendency of your teaching is profoundly mischievous. If only a brain like yours had been devoted to the advancement of old institutions, the maintenance of civilised government and the preservation of a sound social order, how immeasurably the country might have been your debtor! In the desire for notoriety, in the hope of standing well with the little coterie of "intellectuals" who in this and other countries are working untold hardship, you have chosen otherwise, and as I come to pass sentence upon you I cannot too readily accept the pleas that have been urged in your defence. Curiously enough, although you bow at the Bolshevist throne and proclaim the principles of "Free Love" as the highest ideal of human bliss, you are said to be a happily married man, an excellent father, and in every respect a model citizen. This being so, I shall not sentence you with needless severity. You will be kept in custody until such time as you give the necessary guarantee for future good behaviour, and after that found a position at one of our Universities suited to your gifts, and forbidden for the future to meddle with politics or social affairs. Remove the prisoner.

BUMBLE'S EXTORTION.

AGED GRANDFATHER AND HERO'S CHILDREN.

Under the merciless régime of the Poor Law, gross hardship frequently arises through nobody's special fault. For instance, at Birmingham recently a labourer of sixty-one, with a dependent wife, was called upon out of his slender earnings to pay 5s. a week towards the maintenance of his granddaughter and her three children in the Workhouse. It was a terribly hard case. The woman had been left a widow and the kiddies fatherless through a splendid act of heroism on the part of the dead husband and father. The brave man, careless of his own well-being, had plunged into the river and saved a child from drowning, so catching a chill from which he shortly afterwards died. Deprived of her husband, the widow afterwards lost her employment, and the compelling force of hunger drove her and her bairns to the Workhouse. Just a case, one might have thought, in which a grateful nation would have been only too ready to make every possible amends to the bereaved woman, and to do all in its power to make things right for the children. But, no! official regulations are inexorable, and so the Relieving Officer is instructed to find out the poor old grandfather, scarce able to support himself, and from him to demand this weekly contribution of 5s., which he must pay to save the pockets of the Birmingham ratepayers. Doubtless, the Guardians are acting strictly within their legal rights, but does it not prove that the Poor Law Regulations are utterly out of harmony with the requirements of common humanity? As long as we profess to relieve the necessities of the poor, it is surely a thousand pities that such cases of unmerited hardship should enjoy the *cachet* of official approval.

BAMBOOZLING THE BUILDER.

BLASKETT'S BLUFFED AT READING.

They say they have been bluffed, at any rate, and though the philanthropy of builders in general, or even in particular, is not one of the things of life about which we should care to swear a solemn affidavit, Mr. Blaskett, of the firm of Blaskett & Co., of Paddington (established 40 years), had such a benevolent and philanthropic air when he called upon us that we have not the heart to dispute his claim to martyrdom at the hands of Dr. Addison, the Minister for Houses. With his hand on his heart Mr. Blaskett states that when his firm saw in the papers Dr. Addison's appeal to private builders to build houses which "the Government would purchase when erected at an agreed price," they were so patriotically enamoured that they immediately got busy. They purchased a freehold estate of seven acres at Reading, in a position suitable for the best class of working-men's homes. On this land they have already put up eight houses and hoped to put up eighty. They have now offered these eight houses to the Government; but instead of jumping at the bargain with light and gladsome feet, the Government, through the Ministry of Health, have turned their backs on Messrs. Blaskett & Co. with spurnery and scornery, and will not buy. Mr. Blaskett, again with his hand on his bosom, assures us the houses cost £1,050 a piece, and though the firm are willing to sell them to Dr. Addison at the low charge of £1,100 apiece, as heretofore mentioned, there is nothing doing. The whole business seems to call for explanation, for nothing would so hinder its housing programme as the suspicion of double-dealing between the builder and the Ministry of Health.

OFF THE FILM.

CINEMA STUDENTS SADLY DISILLUSIONED.

The Mascot Star Cinema College, of 8, Dumfries Place, Cardiff, which is run by Mr. E. Edmunds, opened a branch at Newcastle in two rooms, one an office, the other as studio, without scenery. A number of aspiring pupils were obtained, and the experience of one of them, a girl, is as follows: She paid, first, a guinea for a test. Having passed that, she was advised to take the full course at ten guineas more. She paid, and was given an agreement that she should appear in the first film produced by the Mascot Company. At the end of her lessons the Mascot people closed down their Newcastle branch and have, so far, closed down on all their pupils there. They really have produced a film at Cardiff, but only local students appeared in it; no invitation went to Newcastle. The Mascot people say they intend to produce another film next year—at Cardiff—and that Newcastle students will be invited to assist. This promise seems very illusory. For all students must play in their first film without any payment, and the taking of the film, perhaps in April or May, must depend upon the weather. So that a girl travelling from Newcastle to Cardiff would have to do so at her own expense, and would be obliged to maintain herself, perhaps for months and months, waiting for the weather to break. Such an outlook is distinctly unsatisfactory, and anyone who has parted with eleven guineas to the Mascot Star Cinema College cannot be blamed for regretting the outlay. We certainly do not advise any other aspirants to part with their money on such terms. Hanging on the fringe of the film industry are a number of more or less unsatisfactory concerns, and too much care cannot be taken by would-be artistes.

UNPUNISHED FRAUDS.

CINEMA ADVENTURER'S AMAZING CAREER.

As so frequently happens with adventurers of a certain type, Mr. E. Thorp Hincks has long seen the commercial value of the sanctimonious pose. In September last—by which time a quack concern with which he was connected, grandiloquently styled the National Association for the Prevention and Amelioration of Deafness, had come to grief—he boosted the claims of the Cinema Artistes' Association, Ltd., a company which, although it can promise, if it cannot pay, a "dividend at the rate of 50 per cent. per annum," exists for no base commercial motive. Its main object is to purge the cinema trade of the grossness that has unfortunately attached to it, and to present the public with the sort of film—sadly lacking up till now—which, as Mr. Podsnapp would say, could "be trusted not to bring a blush to the cheek of the young person." Therefore, Mr. Hincks summons all and sundry to a conference to be held at the Playhouse, Shanklin, I. of W. Having some idea apparently that he might not easily be accepted by the good folks of the Isle of Wight as a disinterested apostle of virtue, Mr. Hincks took the precaution of getting the handbills backed by a number of distinguished people including, among others, the Rev. Canon A. T. Barnett, the Rev. H. Pim, the Very Rev. Prior Gilbert Higgins, and a number of ladies. In passing, we are tempted to wonder whether any of the good people were familiar with Mr. Hincks' earlier record.

HINCKS UNMASKED.

In these columns we have frequently exposed his schemes, a typical case being that of the British School of Cinema Acting, a mushroom concern with offices on the fourth floor at 34, Norfolk Street, W.C. In this instance he traded under a variety of names as, for instance, The Canadian Producers' Association, The Cinema Proprietors' Association, and The Empire Film Service, only one of these titles being registered as required by the Business Names Act. Young people with ambitions towards the Cinema stage were invited to pay heavy fees for courses of instruction, with "certain engagements to follow," and in not a single case that we investigated was any honest return made for the money. The next move consisted in the lavish advertisement of cinema studios at Sloane Square, Hammersmith, and Walham Green, at which, for heavy premiums payable in advance, pupils might enjoy personal instruction in the art of the Cinema—but here again, after the fullest investigation, we have no hesitation in saying that Mr. Hincks was engaged in an enterprise of pure fraud. Nor was this the climax of his audacious career. At one point he actually went to the length of holding himself out as a representative of the Ministry of Reconstruction, charged with the task of "developing trade film propaganda," and once more it is to be admitted that there was not the slightest vestige of justification for this elaborate pose.

HIS PRESENT ACTIVITIES.

Hincks' latest bait to be offered to aspiring but unsophisticated pupils is a series of "competitive scholarships of the value of £200 per annum," to be awarded as the result of "a postal course of facial tuition under the direct auspices of the Cinema Artistes' Association, Ltd." On looking through the documents and comparing them with Mr. Hincks' earlier prospectuses, we have no hesitation in stigmatising this as the last of a long series of consistent frauds. In a word, Mr. E. Thorp Hincks to-day is the same man who, until he turned his fancy to cinema production, was playing upon the sufferings of the deaf in a manner which ought then to have brought him within the ambit of the Criminal Law. The marvel is that it should be possible for a man of this type so long to exploit the public without anything like a colourable pretence of "delivering the goods."

"CONTROLLING" IMMIGRATION.

IMPORTING CHILD SLAVES INTO AUSTRALIA.

According to a scheme recently agreed on at the Australian Premiers' Conference in Melbourne, the Commonwealth is in future to exercise full control over immigrants, selecting them, providing them with transport, and looking after them on arrival. Preference under this scheme is also to be given to British ex-soldiers, but the value of this preferential treatment in practice is somewhat discounted by the fact that no undertaking is given to settle them on the land until Australian ex-soldiers have been dealt with, which is as yet far from being the case. We trust that this "control" scheme will not lose sight of the proposals by the Agent-General in London for Western Australia to immigrate soldiers' orphans, aged from 9 to 14, as well as girls up to 18 and youths up to 17. According to our information, this traffic in infants will primarily benefit agriculturists who will obtain a considerable amount of cheap labour, which they will be free to overwork and otherwise illtreat as they please. We already hear enough tales of child slavery in Australia, for that it is what it comes to, without desiring to encourage further traffic in the flesh and blood of our dead heroes.

THE DOG IN THE MANGER.

FELIXSTOWE VICAR ON THE CROSS.

A lady in the parish of St. John the Baptist, Felixstowe, recently organised a bazaar and sale of work in aid of St. Dunstan's blind children and St. Mary's Home for Orphans. She reckoned without the Rev. A. Evered Stantial. This is what the rev. gentleman published in the "Vicar's Column" of his parish magazine: "Before the war we used to have a bazaar in the Parish Hall in the winter, but I thought you were tired of bazaars, so I have not attempted even to discuss it. It will be rather disappointing after this if our St. John's people take an active part in anything of the kind for outside objects." Because the Vicar is not disposed to have a bazaar of his own in the parish, nobody else is to have one—however laudable the object; if they dare to organise one against his wish, then he publicly warns off the parishioners from it. That is a most intolerant and intolerable attitude for any clergyman to take. If there is any life in the parish, we hope it will be keenly and resolutely resented. Indications are that the Vicar's head is too large for his hat.

A LOST SOLDIER.

THE DISAPPEARANCE OF PRIVATE KNIGHT.

The case of Private T. H. Knight, Labour Corps and R.F.A., will be familiar to our readers. He was gassed and discharged; he re-enlisted, was again gassed; taken ill in the Union Jack Club, and ordered to hospital. In September, 1918, he left home for hospital and has never since been heard of. He was called a deserter, the allowance to his wife and two children was stopped, and they were compelled to seek parish relief. We have never believed so gallant and willing a soldier deserted. We think something fatal has happened to him, or that he has lost his memory. No satisfactory inquiry has been made—scarcely anything has happened beyond the callous intimation from Poplar that his wife should give him in charge should she meet him in the street. That was cruel enough in all conscience, but it is crueller still to leave the poor woman in doubt if she be wife or widow, and meanwhile abandon her to starve. The War Office should either "presume the death" of poor Private Knight or ascertain if he is still living. The present position of his wife—or widow—is too sad to contemplate.

The Navy and Mr. Pussyfoot.

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WORLD-WIDE MURDER PLOT.

TERRORIST GANG AT WORK THROUGH TWO CONTINENTS.

By W. CHARLES PILLEY (Assistant Editor).

At a moment when the minds of all thoughtful citizens have been stirred to their depths by recent horrors in Ireland, it may be opportune to regard the activities of the Sinn Fein organisation from a somewhat wider standpoint than is usually taken. My own strong view is that the orgy of crime and violence now devastating this unhappy country is something more than a mere local outburst, that it has its roots in a revolutionary organisation whose tentacles have already spread over the greater part of the civilised world, and that we shall make no approach to a proper understanding of the problem that confronts us until we have dissociated the activities of the Black Hand gang now controlling the Sinn Fein movement from the legitimate demands of the majority of Irishmen for what is commonly called "Self-determination." With an efficient Secret Service organisation at work it ought not to be difficult to drag the facts to the light of day, and I shall be greatly surprised if it is not then shown that there has been a vast amount of underhand intrigue between the wild men of the Sinn Fein Party and those who in other lands are seeking, for purposes of their own, to undermine the forces of Law and Order and bring the fabric of civilisation to the ground.

Not All Tarred Alike.

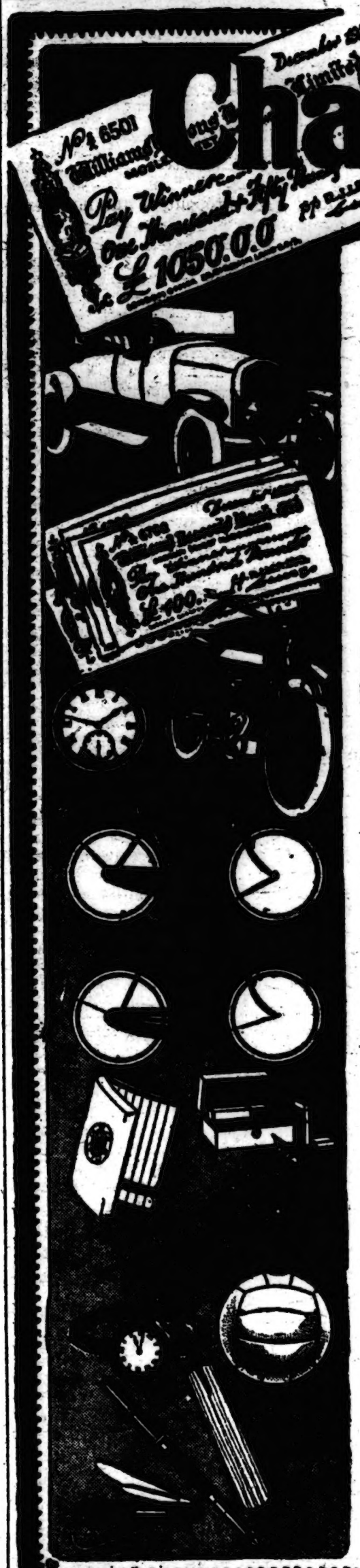
When all is said and done, it cannot be denied that, in spite of its stained record, the Sinn Fein agitation has behind it the solid support of the great majority of the Irish electors. This is the central fact which, unless we are false to our professions of democracy, we cannot ignore. And a further point to be remembered is this: The Sinn Fein movement, in spite of its criminal associations, contains within its ranks a large number of high-minded men whom it is difficult to think of as implicated in the cowardly policy of assassination. It should, I submit, be the aim of the Government to distinguish between the mere political demands for a republic, with which sooner or later I believe some compromise will have to be made, and the organisation of crime which at present is apt to be regarded as the sole embodiment of Sinn Fein. Indeed, I am very strongly of opinion that up to the present the Government have neglected the most hopeful line of advance towards a stable Irish settlement; and even at this tragic hour I would go so far as to suggest that negotiations should be opened up with the governing body of the Sinn Fein movement, with a view to calling together a thoroughly representative convention of Irishmen to discuss the terrible situation that has arisen. It is true that a previous effort on these lines ended in failure, but that was simply because the Sinn Feiners, who alone possess the confidence of the Irish majority, were unrepresented. When the figures in the Dublin elections of January, 1919, are borne in mind—the Sinn Feiners polled 53,449 votes as against the Unionist poll of 2,755—it will be seen how widely impossible it is to arrive at anything like a permanent settlement without calling into council the leaders to whom for good or evil the great bulk of Irishmen have pinned their political trust and hope. Meanwhile let there be searching investigation into the methods and organisation of the murder gang. Nor need the Government scruple to employ the whole forces of the Crown for the purpose of suppressing this criminal conspiracy. In Great Britain, there is no sympathy whatever with crime and violence as instruments of reform, and even in Ireland itself far less sympathy than is commonly supposed. In the rank and file of the Sinn Fein movement there are large numbers of peaceable citizens who already stand appalled at the lengths to which the murder campaign has gone, and who, if they were not intimidated by the desperadoes of the so-called Irish Republican Army, would soon openly dissociate themselves from these sinister operations. It is to this element that the Government must courageously appeal, at the same time letting it be clearly understood that it will hold no parley with assassins and will go to any lengths in the determination to eradicate the criminal plot which is covering the name of Ireland with infamy and saddening the hearts of her well-wishers throughout the world.

"Birds of a Feather."

We have been made aware during the past few months of the extent to which political extremists in this country have been trafficking with revolutionaries in other lands. First, we had the notorious Lansbury episode—strikingly exposed in the columns of this journal—followed by the public avowal of Mr. Francis Meynell that he had entered into large financial transactions with the Russian Bolshevist gang. We remember, too, the sojourn in this country of M. Kameneff, the full story of whose intrigues against the safety and stability of this country has yet to be told. Still more fresh in the public mind are the trials of Miss Sylvia Pankhurst and Mr. C. E. Malone, M.P., upon charges of sedition, during the hearing of which it was proved that both had been in more or less active touch with revolutionary movements abroad—chiefly in Russia. Is not the effect of these disclosures to show that there is between politicans of the extreme type a sinister kind of "freemasonry" which overleaps national boundaries and makes frontiers of no account? And if this is true to the extent that has been publicly demonstrated in the Courts and through the avowals of the principal agents, is it not more than probable that, when we touch the baser sort of political crime, of which for many months past Ireland has been the tragic scene, there are equally close relations between those who in Europe and America are endeavouring to make history with bludgeons and bombs? In the United States, Mr. de Valera, the so-called President of the Irish Republic, who seems to support with remarkable equanimity his prolonged exile from his native soil, has more than once laid himself open to the charge of intriguing with Bolshevist emissaries who are known to be actively at work in the larger American cities. Once they penetrate outward appearances and get down to the bedrock facts of the Irish situation, the authorities may discover equally close relations between the heads of the Irish Republican Army and the agents of Lenin and Trotsky. Indications of this kind, amounting to a good deal more than mere suspicion, have been brought to the notice of Dublin Castle. In this connection, it is not uninteresting to recall that the late Karl Marx, the German founder of the International Socialist movement, long ago laid it down that when the moment for a revolutionary advance of the workers begins, it would be through Ireland that the old-established institutions of this country might be most promisingly attacked. The following words, quoted from a message sent by Marx to an early International Socialist Congress, at Geneva, are full of interest to-day: "England is the only country in which a real Socialistic revolution can be made. The English people cannot make this themselves. Foreigners must make it for them. The foreign members, therefore, must retain their seats at the London Board. The point to strike at first is Ireland, and in Ireland they are ready to begin their work." That this view is widely held by modern Communists has more than once been made evident as in the case of Lenin, who not long ago was prescribing as the remedy for social inequalities in Great Britain a "heavy civil war." An equally illuminating sidelight upon the activities of the murder gang was afforded by an article recently published in the leading Communist organ in this country from the pen of the leader of the German Spartacist Group. This amazing outburst ran: "Over Italy roll the thunders of the coming storm; in France, there is sheet lightning; storms rage through the proud Empire of Great Britain. In England and Scotland, growing masses of workers unite round the Socialist, the Communist flag. Ireland, Egypt, and India are in revolt. The wage slaves in the United States muster for the class battle; their strikes become more important, and take a revolutionary character . . . The battle between workers and bourgeoisie is no longer one for reforms in the Capitalist order; its aim is to overthrow, to subdue this order . . . no resolutions on paper must be its aim, but the living powerful action of the working masses."

The Plan of Campaign.

This kind of thing, amounting in theory to the justification of civil war, and, in practice, to the condonation of every sort of crime and outrage, is rife to-day in revolutionary quarters throughout the world. Wherever possible, it is the practice of the Bolshevist elements to use political grievances as a means of fomenting disorder and precipitating the work of social revolution. Obviously the present troubled state of Ireland offers a most hopeful field for the furtherance of this policy of anarchy and terror. The danger is one that no Government jealous for the preservation of civilised order can take lying down. In so far as Sinn Fein is a purely Irish movement, kept free from foreign intrigue, it should, I submit, be treated with respect, and every effort made to satisfy its demands, subject to the supreme consideration of Imperial safety. The first thing is to break up the terrorist gang, and then let us see where we stand.



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CANDID COMMUNICATIONS.

This space is devoted to Open Letters to Celebrities, Notorieties, and, occasionally, Nonentities.

To Major Molson, M.P. for Gainsborough.

MY DEAR MAJOR,—You have indeed suddenly sprung into fame. It has long been regarded as an audacious proceeding to tread on the tail of an Irishman's coat, but deliberately to take it in both hands and to drag him down from the perpendicular to a sitting posture when endeavouring to address the House, is a feat which will long live in history. We have often sat near each other in the House, but little did I think I was rubbing shoulders with such a hero. It is a pity, however, that Members intervened to frustrate your plan of campaign. Things are so dull just now at Westminster. JOHN BULL.

To Sir Woodman Burbidge, Managing Director, Harrods, Ltd., London, S.W.

DEAR SIR WOODMAN,—I am so pleased with your decision that Harrods shall neither sell nor stock German toys that I feel I must write you a line or two of congratulation. It is a fine example for your great house to set to other traders. Sometimes it is said that profit has no conscience and business no patriotism. Anybody who wished to try to prove the averment would have, I think, no difficulty in finding ample evidence for it in the shops of London to-day. I hold that every British man who stocks and sells foreign goods which we can ourselves produce as well or better, is an enemy to that extent of his country. It is a happy idea of Harrods', in this instance of toys, to put their patriotism before their profits. I should like to see every other tradesman follow their lead. JOHN BULL.

To Private Matthew Lowe, Norwich.

DEAR LOWE,—As I was among the first to champion your cause with the Secretary of State for War, it is with additional pleasure that I hasten to congratulate you on your restoration to your friends. Having regard to the fact that you joined the Army voluntarily before you were 17, served in France and Italy, were wounded in both legs and in the head, and have from the age of five been subject to fits of so severe a nature that your life was often despaired of, the sentence of fifteen years passed on you just before the Armistice for desertion was a grossly excessive penalty. Its severity was aggravated by the fact that you were sent straight from hospital to the firing line. Mr. Churchill has done the sensible and humane thing in releasing you after two years, and I trust that a long and happy life of usefulness lies before you. JOHN BULL.

To Alfred Hill, Chapter Road, Willesden Green, London.

SIR,—What the Magistrate described as "a gross case of cruelty" led to your being fined five pounds and costs or twenty-one days' imprisonment. The evidence was that you were seen in your back-garden kneeling on a dog in the effort to strangle it with a piece of string, and that the poor creature was howling for half-an-hour before you completed your devilish task. Given your deserts, you would certainly have gone to prison without the option; but I hope the leniency shown you will serve as a reminder that there are people a little more humane than yourself. JOHN BULL.

To the Chairman and Directors, Royal Mail Steam Packet Co., London and Southampton.

GENTLEMEN,—I believe you have, on the whole, acted well towards your clerical staff, including those that went to fight, and I understand that at Christmas-time you intend to consider a revision of all salaries. I want to put in a special word on behalf of the so-called junior clerks, now home again and married. They are trying to keep house and do you loyal service on £3 a week. I think you will agree that this means a perpetual struggle to achieve the impossible. That is why I want you to give a special thought to the juniors at Christmastide. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. Father Hayes, Troon, Scotland.

DEAR FATHER HAYES,—A voice from your neighbourhood tells me you have set all the Pussyfoots and Puritans in Troon by the ears on account of the success which attended the first Sunday concert ever held in the town. The entertainment was in the Beach Pavilion, on behalf of Pickering's War Orphanage, and I am told the building was packed. As you said in your remarks, the war went on all through the week, Sundays included, and when there is an opportunity to aid the bereaved by a Sunday concert, it is a shame not to take it. Between you and me and the gatepost, I don't believe the Lord thinks as highly of the unco guid as they do themselves. As for yourself, I have it that you are the Father O'Flynn of the town. If this is so, I would gladly "schlanter an' schlanter and schlanter agin wid you," save that, in the words of the old chronicler, the convent is poor, the brothers have no money either, and the abbot himself wants a drink. JOHN BULL.

To Mrs. E. Stuart Wortley, Dower House, Highcliffe, Hants.

DEAR LADY,—So you and your daughters are taking on the job of painting Dower House yourselves—as a protest, so I understand from the letterpress under the picture in one of the papers, against the high price demanded by tradesmen asked to estimate. As a tableau, I rather like it. It is very nicely posed, and everybody appears to be charmingly attired for the occasion; but if I were to tell you what one of my readers, the wife of an unemployed ex-soldier says about it, you would——but perhaps I had better not. JOHN BULL.

To Miss Laila Morley Buckley, "St. Mary's," 95, London Road, Worcester.

MADAM,—A woman who publicly advertises, in a name not her own, that she will receive children for a premium, and who, having "adopted" several poor mites in this fashion, does not notify the Coroner when they meet with their deaths, can hardly complain if her conduct is unfavourably regarded. Indeed, my own view is that you got off much too lightly with the penalty of £5, without costs, imposed upon you by the Worcester Magistrates. The contention of your solicitor that you were entitled, under the Children Act, to take these babies because you kept a "Boarding School" and not a "Home" was a hollow quibble. I strongly advise you to be more careful for the future. JOHN BULL.

To the Rev. H. S. Miles, Chairman, Board of Guardians, Barnet.

SIR,—I see you. I think I have seen you before, and now I see you again I should like to know what you mean by robbing the workhouse inmates of their Christmas beer. What would you say, what would you feel, if I came along and burgled your Christmas pump juice? It isn't as if anybody had asked you to buy the beer. It isn't as if the ratepayers had been asked to buy it. It would have been given free gratis and for nothing; and, what's more, the inmates wouldn't have received enough of it to inebriate a bluebottle. You cackle about "even the smell of alcoholic drink being a danger to those who have once become slaves to it," implying that all those who are in your workhouse are there because they have been chronic drunks. I suppose they won't be allowed to have a drop of brandy sauce to their Christmas puddings for fear the smell will upset 'em? I wish you a miserable Christmas and a more miserable New Year, and many of 'em. JOHN BULL.

In the Barber's Chair - - - - - - - - Lord Derby.

Good arfternoon, sir. Wot can I 'ave the pleasure? . . . *Dry shampoo?* Cert'n'y. This chair, if you please. A pleasant refresher, a nice shampoo, ain't it, sir? Some of our Red an' Labour 'ot 'eads oughter go in for a course of 'em. I admit I don't feel none too kindly towards the revolutionary spouters wot are doin' their best to ruin the country.

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Amongst our gentry there's some o' the very best—real sportsmen, wot work 'ard for the country and play a straight game. . . . *Do I believe any of the nobility work 'ard?* I *knows* it. . . Yes, I'm one o' them strong, silent men, *reely*, on'y circs. 'ave bin against me. I took up a prerfession, you see, in w'ich talkin' comes sorter nach'rel. But as I was a-sayin', I've got any amount o' respec' for some o' the nobs—not becos' they're nobs, but becos' they're real *men* wot do as much work as would scare some o' these street-corner spouters to 'ell. Take Lord Derby, f'rinstance. 'E don't 'ave to do nothink, but 'e's bin a worker pretty near all 'is life.

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Private Sec. to Lord Roberts 'e was once, an' I don't suppose "Bobs" gave 'im any too easy a time, so fur as work went. Then 'e was Financial Secretary to the Wore Orfice, an' later Postmaster-General, and sat in the Commons for fourteen yers for a Lancashire constitchewency. Thet ain't a bad record for work on the part of a bloke ownin' 69,000 acres, is it, mister? But 'e's done bett'rn that since then. Look at 'is work in Frawnce! I wouldn't mind bettin' 'e's done more to keep the Entent Cordial since the Armistice then any man breathin'. Things 'aven't looked any too bright between us an' Frawnce once or twice since then, but 'e's always managed to smooth things over. You *don't think that side o' Lord Derby's activities 'ave much interest for the man in the street?* P'r'aps not, sir. It's 'is sportin' side as they knows more about. They like to 'ave a flutter on 'is 'orses; an' they know 'e runs straight becos 'e's a English gentleman and a member o' the Jockey Club. . . . *Is all this my candid opinion o' Lord Derby?* It is—every-time . . . *Should I know 'im if I met 'im?* No, I don't think I should. . . . Wot's thet—*I shall in fucher?* W'y?

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I'm talkin' to 'im now. Well, if thet ain't a rum go! Fency thet, now! I'm sorry I spoke. I'm not much of a talker, reely, but some'ow I let meself go to-day. I 'ope you'll excuse me, yer lordship. . . . Goo' day sir. . . . That's very liberal of you—very liberal indeed! It'll come in 'andy these 'ard times. Goo' day, me lord! . . . .

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THE "JOHN BULL" BOYS COME TO TOWN.

By A. G. Hales.

At last, the London public have seen the vanguard of the John Bull Boxing Boys in action. Four of them—viz., Gipsy Daniels, Glyn Stephens, Jim Slater, and Idris Jones—appeared at the Albert Hall last Friday night. Two won their contests, two lost, yet winners and losers alike thrilled the great audience to the marrow, and sent everyone away from the hall swearing that never had they witnessed a fairer or a finer night's sport. Let me give my own impressions. I will take the programme as it went. Gipsy Daniels, our seventeen-year-old middle-weight, won his contest against Joe Davis with a bit to spare. And yet our boy rather disappointed me. I have seen him do much finer work with his left-hand than on this occasion; I have also seen him use his right hand ten times as accurately—but I am old in the knowledge that a great audience and a great hall, when faced for the first time by a young boxer, prove upsetting influences. That Gipsy Daniels is destined to make ring history I firmly believe—and he will. His Friday night's performance is nothing to what he will show us in the near future, when he is used to the glamour of big crowds. But, taking everything into consideration, he did passing well.

A Fine Flyweight.

Glyn Stephens is a flyweight who has been described as "Jim Driscoll the Second," and on Friday he displayed many Driscollian points during his fifteen rounds with Tal Jones. The latter has proved himself such a brilliant performer against the pick of his class in the region of eight-stone that it was no mean achievement for the John Bull Boy to out-box, out-general and out-fight him, and in each of those branches of the game Stephens was Tal's master; our youngster fought with his brain, and I doubt if he even realised that he was in the Albert Hall in front of a great throng—he has the rare gift of knowing how to isolate his thoughts so as to concentrate on the job in hand. It was an exceedingly pretty battle, with lots of hard hitting and plenty of science, and if Glyn keeps on as he has started, he is sure to be a popular performer with London crowds—he stands up to his work so beautifully and delivers his blows so cleanly. I confidently look to him going far.

"Bermondsey's" Night Out.

Jim Slater was fairly and squarely beaten by a man who on Friday night was his master. I have seen a good deal of Bermondsey Billy Wells, but never have I seen him fight so well as on this occasion. His greatest admirer could have asked nothing better of him. He is essentially a fighter of moods—one night he will box away below par; the next he is a mass of scintillating brilliance. It was Jim Slater's bad luck to catch Wells on his night out. I do not think there is a welter-weight living who could have beaten Bermondsey Wells on Friday night—he was simply superb in his ringcraft, coolness and speed. It seems to me that Kid Lewis did well to refuse "Bermondsey's" challenge, for had he met Wells in the form the latter was in at the Albert Hall, he would not have gone swaggering across to America boasting there was no lad in England fit to give him battle. There is no doubt in my mind now that "Bermondsey" is the man able to give Jack Britton, the Champion of the World, a battle for the title.

Game to the Last.

"Our Jim" lion-hearted to the last, did his best, but his best was not good enough. It was I who ordered our corner to throw in the towel—for after that crashing fall through the ropes to the floor five feet below, I would not permit the gallant boy to re-enter the ring to be butchered. Wells would have surely beaten him—apart from that fall. None the less, it was bad luck for "Our Jim." Strangely enough, Slater, who has been showing such splendid form in recent matches, went back to the very methods he adopted when I first found him—he forgot his footwork and his fine left-hand, and, most wonderful of all, he forgot the powerful "inside work" of which he has of late made such a feature. I think the crowd and the occasion carried the boy off his feet—and "Bermondsey," did the rest. But of this I am sure—Jim Slater, by his dauntless pluck, has won a host of admirers in London who will always flock to see him fight. He will fly amongst the eagles yet.

Making Fistic History.

In regard to Idris Jones' début as a feather-weight, I am going to make the only "grouse" I have to make—for I honestly think that Mr. Corri should have given a "draw" as his verdict. Jones fought with tremendous power for the first fourteen rounds; his left-hooks to the body were wonderful for a "feather." Then he grew weary with his exertions, and Honeyman got on top, and it seemed to me that Mr. Corri lost sight of the work the wonderful John Bull Boy did all through the earlier stages of what was the very best feather-weight contest I have seen in any country for forty years. I was in Jones' corner, and I fully expected a draw at the least. So the verdict rather disgusted me, though I know it is hard for a new star to depose a great and brilliant Champion on his own "dunghill." Honeyman was superb in defence; his head-work was magical—but Jones was little if anything behind him in speed or cleverness, and in the matter of power of punch the John Bull Boy was miles ahead. These two must meet again, and when they do, all sporting Londoners will flock to see them—for the last battle was one of the great things of fistic history.

John Bull is certainly to be congratulated upon the fine sportsmanlike display of its "Boys" upon their début in town.

JUDGE AND JURY.

UNMERITED REBUKE FROM THE BENCH.

That was a very sensible foreman of a jury at Liverpool who made a few remarks after a verdict of Guilty had been returned on a man for an offence against a girl. Said the foreman, "The law should be amended so that punishment in cases of that type should be more severe. Parents were afraid to allow their children to be out in the evenings." We agree with every word of the jury's contention, and have often emphasised it, with the further criticism that Magistrates and Judges are sometimes lamentably lax in enforcing the penalties already within their power to impose. But Mr. Justice Greer, presiding at the Assizes, took a different view and adopted a hoity-toity tone. "Judges," he said, "who sit to try such cases know the position in regard to them perhaps much better than any juryman who had to hear them only occasionally." The foreman protested, "It was not a question of that, my Lord." His Lordship:—"I think I have heard quite enough, sir." If his Lordship has really weighed and assimilated the suggestion advanced, he has certainly heard enough, for no more remains to be said on that point. But Mr. Justice Greer, offered the considered opinion of twelve good men and true, who had a perfect right to express it through their foreman, erred when he treated that gentleman to a show of judicial contempt. Whoever was wrong in that regrettable passage of words, the foreman of the jury was studiously and carefully correct.

A PIG IN A POKE.

WHAT YOU MAY GET FOR A GUINEA OR TWO.

Some of the "mail-order" jokers are content with grabbing but a few shillings at a time from fools and flats who fall into their clutches, usually through a deceitful advertisement offering spare time employment. In a different category we must place W. Bevan James, "Mail Order and Advertising Specialist," Glendower, Elburton Cross, Plymouth. He is out for guineas—one down, and t'other come on, "when you have earned £50." As the song says, "When, when, when, when, when!" And then when. James tells you nothing; he only makes promises, lots of promises. If you send him your first guinea, he will send you his "Course." "You can start in your own home," says he, "and in many cases with but a few shillings." He proceeds to patronise you, pretty ponderously:—"You are naturally anxious to make money, so I take it that money-making is just now an object with you." It is an easy take, especially as James is "just now" himself on the bare-faced make. Your wish to make money, he assures you, is laudable. "There is so much money in the world that there is no reason why you should not have more." But James wants his guinea first. "Don't delay," he shrieks in conclusion; "I guarantee it will prove the best investment you ever made in your life." The awkward question for W. Bevan James is, who is to guarantee his guarantee as being worth twopence? For our part, we doubt him through and through.

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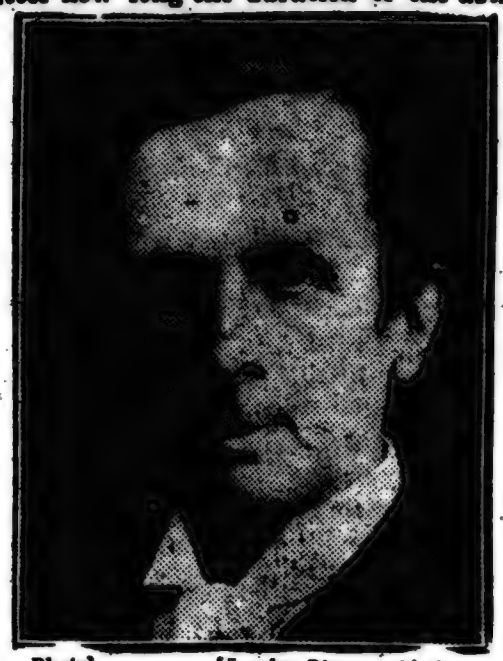

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Ominous Cracking of the Ice—Labour Extrem

By THE EDITOR.

THE recent election in the Wrekin Division of Shropshire was unique from several points of view—principal amongst them being that, as far as I know, it is the first time on record in which there has been a straight fight between the Independents and so-called Labour. And when it is remembered that, also for the first time, the disciples of the various Parties—Conservative, Liberal, Radical and Wee-Free—united through the Coalition to keep the old system in suspense until our War troubles are over—were called upon to vote either for an Independent non-Party candidate or for Labour, the result is little short of amazing. Out of a total poll of 25,165, General Townshend—entirely new to political life and to the constituency, and openly declaring himself as fighting under my banner—succeeded in defeating such an experienced old campaigner, and one so well-known in the division, by just on 4,000 votes. May I not, therefore, regard this election as opening a new era in British politics? There are already evidences of the deep impression which it has caused in the public mind. Not only have several Members of the present Parliament intimated to me their desire to join the Independent Group, but candidates of position and standing are coming forward from all parts of the country, and I am not without hope that some arrangement may be arrived at, before the next General Election, between the Independents and the National Party, to prevent overlapping and waste of energy. In that case, I am certain that the next Parliament will see a very considerable access of strength to the cause of Parliamentary freedom which we both have at heart. It has been a long time coming, but a reference to our files will show that I always predicted a Coalition interregnum between the death of the old system and the birth of the new one; but, as all history has shown us, coalitions are doomed to a short life in this country, and there are not wanting signs to-day that the patchwork Ministry of Mr. Lloyd George is breaking down under the strain of after-war reaction.

The Decay of Party.

Long prior to the formation of the present Coalition, intelligent observers of the trend of public opinion were predicting the death of the old Party system, which, in the words of "Dizzy"—although applied by him only to the Conservative Party—was gradually revealing itself as "an organised hypocrisy." Then Pope tells us that "Party is the madness of many for the gain of the few"; whilst Voltaire said: "I should be enamoured of the spirit of the English nation did it not utterly frustrate the good effects it would produce by passion and the spirit of Party." At a later stage, Froude told us: "The spirit of Party will either destroy the British Empire, or the British nation will make an end of Party Government on its present lines. There are sounds in the air like the cracking of ice on the Neva at the incoming of spring, as if a noble purpose was at last awakening in us. In a few more years there will be no more Radicals and no more Conservatives and the nation will be all in all." And now the ice is cracking with a vengeance, and poor Russia, being all unprepared, has been submerged in the seething waters of Bolshevism. Coming to pre-war days, let us see how the eyes of some of our politicians were being at last opened. Here is what Mr. Balfour said: "I do not think that a debate in the House of Commons is looked to in all parts of the kingdom and abroad with the same respect or interest or attention as it was when I was a younger politician. If that be so, it is a great tragedy." And this from Mr. Austen Chamberlain: "I say without fear of honest contradiction that if the House of Commons were free, and if every member of the House of Commons were free, to act and vote as he thought best for the country, we should have far different results to our labours." Listen to this from Mr. Bonar Law himself: "We are inclined to sacrifice the interests of the State to the interests of Party; there is real danger in this, and it is still more grave when the nation is liable to attack from outside. . . . Having heard many debates where the evils of our Party system have been elaborated, I have not attached much weight to the criticism in the past, but I realise the dangers more to-day, and unless a cure comes from some quarter, the present state of things cannot go on, and our Parliamentary institutions will be destroyed." Then, too, among the tardy converts to my plea for a non-Party Business Government, I was able to claim Lord Robert Cecil, who declared: "I am no lover of the Party system. The Party system and Party spirit have been carried too far in this country, and a vast amount of energy is wasted which might be better devoted to the advantage of the whole community. . . . Yes, have a Business Government." On the other hand, Lord Curzon was doubtful whether the Party system could ever be broken down, being of opinion that "The power of the Parliamentary Whips and the tyranny of the Party machine have grown so immensely that there is little opening for independence in politics." And Oliver Wendell Holmes hit the nail on the head when he said: "Liberty is often a heavy burden on a man. It involves the necessity for perpetual choice, which is the kind of labour men have always dreaded. In common life, we shirk it by forming habits which take the place of self-determination. In politics, Party organisation saves us the pains of much thinking before deciding how to cast our vote." On the other hand, Ruskin, with characteristic cynicism, summed up the situation by saying that "Men only associate in Parties by sacrificing their opinions or by having none worth sacrificing; and the effect of Party Government is always to develop hostilities and hypocrisies, or to extinguish ideas." More cynical still was "Dizzy's" ejaculation, when Bulwer Lytton said he could not vote for a certain measure because it was against his principles: "Damn your principles—stick to your Party!" And who was it, when asked whether he had ever heard a speech in the House of Commons which had changed his opinions, replied: "Yes, many a time—but never my vote"? There were signs that the Press, too, was beginning to come round. Thus the

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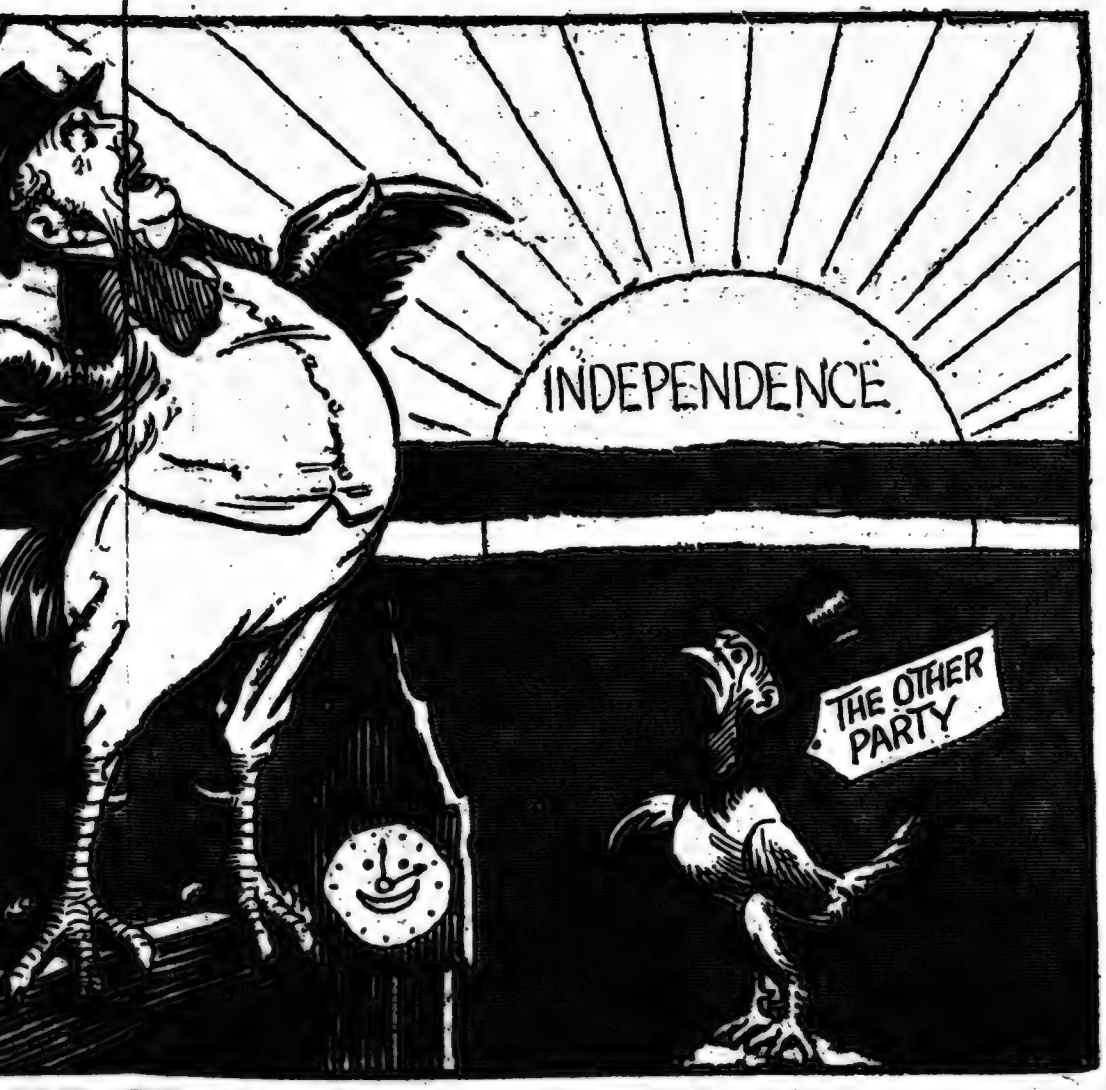
Quarterly Review wrote: "If the local organisations all over the country could be induced to imitate the example of those in South Hackney, there might still be some hope for the independence, and consequently the vitality of the House of Commons." And even we find the *Times* telling us, just before the war, that "There is room for some political philosopher to explain the meaning of the crisis in representative government which, though in varying degrees of acuteness, may almost be described as general. For some reason or other, there is a widespread removal of old land-marks in politics, and a dissatisfaction with old distinctions, which brings about no little confusion and much blind groping after new combinations." And what of this from the *Daily Mail*: "It may be that the fundamental unreality in our political life is due to the curse of Party, which divides the country and obscures or destroys the sense of duty to the nation in the individual mind"; whilst the *Daily Telegraph* weighed in with this ponderous truism: "The reckless expenditure which is going on will have to be curbed, and it will not be surprising if public opinion does not insist that the country's finance shall be controlled by an impartial business man of ability, instead of being at the mercy of a partisan politician." The evil of the Party system as affecting trade was also emphasised by the *Scotsman*: "In business circles it is thought that the President of the Board of Trade should be appointed to look after the general trade of the country. The Board of Trade is regarded as more or less an antiquated institution, having frequently at its head a person with no commercial training. What traders want is an experienced business head, who knows what is wanted and is not selected for mere Party reasons." And so I could go on quoting *ad infinitum*, but I will just close with an extract from Lecky's "Democracy and Liberty": "How very few public men look much beyond the interests of their Party and the chances of an election. He must be a very sanguine man who can look across such a scene with much confidence in the future."



ALD OF THE DAWN.

A New Force.

Of course, strictly speaking, as we are so often reminded, there *is* nothing new under the sun. Thus, even in regard to my present theme, we have Macaulay talking of the golden days of Ancient Rome, when "None was for a Party, and all were for the State." Well, that is the condition of things I am out to endeavour to restore. If, for instance, I were to-day asked to form a Ministry, I should to a large extent ignore the Treasury and Front Opposition Benches, and look round for men qualified by experience, and not disqualified by Party animus, to serve the State in the various Public Departments. I should probably ask my friend Sir Herbert Hamblyn, the General Manager of Barclay's Bank, to be Chancellor of the Exchequer; Sir Edward Marshall Hall would undoubtedly be Public Defender; General Townshend would find his proper place as Secretary of State for War; Sir Henry Dalziel would be Scottish Secretary; Dr. Macnamara would go to the Education Office; Sir Donald Maclean would be my Home Secretary—and, with a few days' time for consideration, I do not think I should have much difficulty in filling up the other posts. I may say that none of the legal offices—Lord Chancellor, Attorney-General, Solicitor-General—would be political appointments, the occupants of these positions being chosen for their professional fitness, and their tenure of office not being dependent upon the life of a Government. Ireland, as I have often explained, would be divided into two, a British and an Independent Ireland, the Southern counties—with proper facilities to enable the Loyalists to change to the North—having their Republic or any other form of Government they preferred—until they grew tired of it!—and the Northern counties remaining in the Union. But we need not speculate on these things for the moment. Forms of government do not change in a night—and the Party system, whether camouflaged as Coalition or not, will die hard. But in the meantime the wire-pullers will have to reckon with a new factor. They will be no longer able to run the constituencies on the "Coupon" plan. It may, of course, be that, by the intervention of Independent candidates, votes for a time will be split, and that here and there the extremists will get in on a minority poll.

Party Hacks and Reward.

Of course, the great obstacle in the way of reform is the huge army of Party hacks who, in one shape or another, have received rewards—or are looking for them—for their faithful allegiance. I believe it to be the fact that over 200 members of the present Parliament are already occupying positions of profit under the Government, or have received, or are awaiting, the bestowal of personal "Honours." And in this connection, I fancy my readers will be surprised when I tell them that in the House of Commons we as a rule know the names of most politicians to figure in the various Honours Lists months before they are published. I remember, too, a few years ago, just before the war, having the Welsh representation analysed. This is what I found. There were thirty members returned—twenty-seven being supporters of the Liberal Government. Of these, seventeen had by that time received either "handles" or posts of profit—including two Cabinet Ministerships, three peerages, three baronetcies, four knighthoods, five memberships of the Privy Council, three County Court Judgeships, and six Recorderships. And most of the others have since had their reward! It is a sordid story; but it is worth recounting, as it points a moral which the public cannot too carefully ponder. There is much awry in the political world, and this is but one of its crookednesses. Elsewhere I have spoken of the corruption of the judicial Bench by the appointment of second-class lawyers to Judgeships as a reward for their political services, and there are a score of other ways in which the faithful hack is kept in hand—even though in many cases the rewards are of an indirect and impersonal character. How, then, is the result of the Wrekin to remedy this state of things? We shall not have to wait long—to see.

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The PEOPLE'S PULPIT

The readers of "JOHN BULL" discuss matters of Public Interest.

Letters and postcards for this page must relate to public, as distinguished from personal, topics.

For short acknowledgments of other letters—selected from our general mail—see "Letter Bag," page 22.

Those They Left Behind!

It is right that our Glorious Dead should be remembered. But, with thousands of widows and orphans left behind, many in actual want, instead of spending so much money in flowers which fade and die in a few days, why not put the money into a Widows' and Orphans' Fund and make Armistice Day a collection day for the fund, when everybody could financially help those who are left to struggle on alone and unaided?—S. C. JONES, Coldershaw Road, West Ealing, W.

Ratepayers and Pussyfoot.

So far as we can see at present, in Scotland the Temperance party and "Pussyfoot" converts have lost the game, and I think the same rule ought to be applied to them as to those who aspire to become Members of Parliament when they fail to get a certain number of votes. It is unfair that the ratepayers should be called upon to meet those expenses, for depend upon it those "Faddists" will come up again when they rally their forces.—JAMES YOUNG, Murieston Crescent, Edinburgh.

Small-Type School Books.

The Mandarins of our Education Department are spending money recklessly in nearly every direction, and on many things that might be deferred for years, if not "for ever." But I have never heard of any protest or action being taken by them against the publication of books and papers with print so small that it ruins the readers' eyesight—witness the number of young men and women wearing glasses to-day. The Board of Education should set a standard of type for schoolbooks.—JOHN HEYWOOD, Albert Terrace, Wolstanton.

Threatened Allotments.

All over England allotment holders are alarmed at the prospect of having to surrender their plots. The movement that covered England with allotments, in which men found a healthy hobby while adding to the food supplies (and, thereby, the wealth) of the nation, was the best of all the results of war necessity. It should be encouraged to become a permanent feature of our national life; as the first step towards the realisation of a "Merry England": the only successful "Back to the Land" experiment yet made.—J. H. BRAND, Grange Park Road, Thornton Heath, Surrey.

Five Guineas is paid to the writer of the most interesting letter. That amount has been sent to Mr. E. Dewson.

The Census Staff.

An enormous amount of public money will be expended to record the coming census. Will the Government give orders that ex-Service men be specially and solely employed for this work, and not allow the already highly-paid permanent officials to "bag" it for themselves and their underlings at high rates of pay, in addition to a good salary regularly received? The same remarks apply to all Municipal, County, and Parliamentary Elections, where these permanent officials and clerks are employed, whilst the work for which they are really paid, by public money, gets very much in arrears.—J. E. CRAPNELL, Brewer Street, Lewes Road, Brighton.

The Distressful Dole.

An emergency out-of-work donation has been granted to ex-Service men, but those who have been forced to apply for it find that they have to report at their local Labour Exchange *every day for two weeks before they receive one penny.* Then they receive £1 per week—but for a married man to keep himself, wife and family on this meagre allowance, is an impossibility. He has either to steal, or sell up his home and go to the workhouse. A poor recompense from "a grateful country"!—E DEWSON, Castlegate, Lanark, N.B.

The Building "Ring."

Combines for the keeping up of prices are officially denied or winked at. That there is a "ring" in the building trade, the following facts, recently brought to my notice, will serve to emphasise. A certain small builder secured a contract to erect a house for £900, but was refused the necessary material as he was not in the Association of Master Builders. He paid the £10 10s. entrance fee demanded, and was then told that his contract price was £200 too low, and it must be increased to £1,100. His client could not pay that, and the result is the house was never built.—CLAUD GOLDING, Prestwood, Great Missenden.

Street Corner Sedition.

If the Government continue to allow Bolshies, Conchies, and paid agitators to spout sedition and insults to our King, Empire, and the men who fought for us, England will soon be a country not fit for *anyone* to live in, much less heroes! The irony of it all is that these men are nearly all foreigners and conchies, and of no use to any country. Still they are allowed to pour forth venomous insults to the land that feeds them.—F. LONGBOTHAM, Bleadon, Weston-super-Mare.

Spreading Disease.

There have been interesting comments lately on the infectious state of paper money, but it would be still more interesting to hear the result of a microscopical examination of a few books chosen from any public library, school library and second-hand book shop! No form of disinfecting is executed in these places. Surely this could be remedied, and would probably prevent the spreading of disease to a very considerable extent.—(Mrs.) A. M. REED, High Street, Wimbledon.

The Last Straw!

Why have the Labour Exchanges stopped stamping the National Health Insurance cards for us ex-Service men who are on the special extension? They are fully aware that the benefits for the next year depend on the number of stamps on the cards, and they know that the Society sends an arrears card, and, if not paid up the unemployed have to suffer again. Haven't we suffered enough already? How can a married man pay up the insurance on his £1?—J. ABEL, Ayrsome Road, N.16.

Bad Boots.

If we are to have an allied "Shoe and Leather Hall Mark Association," could not the combined Ministries of Health and Education go one better and advocate legislation to make it a punishable offence for so-called leather "substitutes" to be used in the manufacture of children's footwear; and also to demand that the name of the manufacturer be legibly stamped on the uppers? This would soon do away with the present scandal of children having to sit for hours in school wearing sodden boots and shoes that are virtual sponges, due to the bad material of which they are made.—F. J. PACKER, Riga Terrace, Laira, Plymouth.

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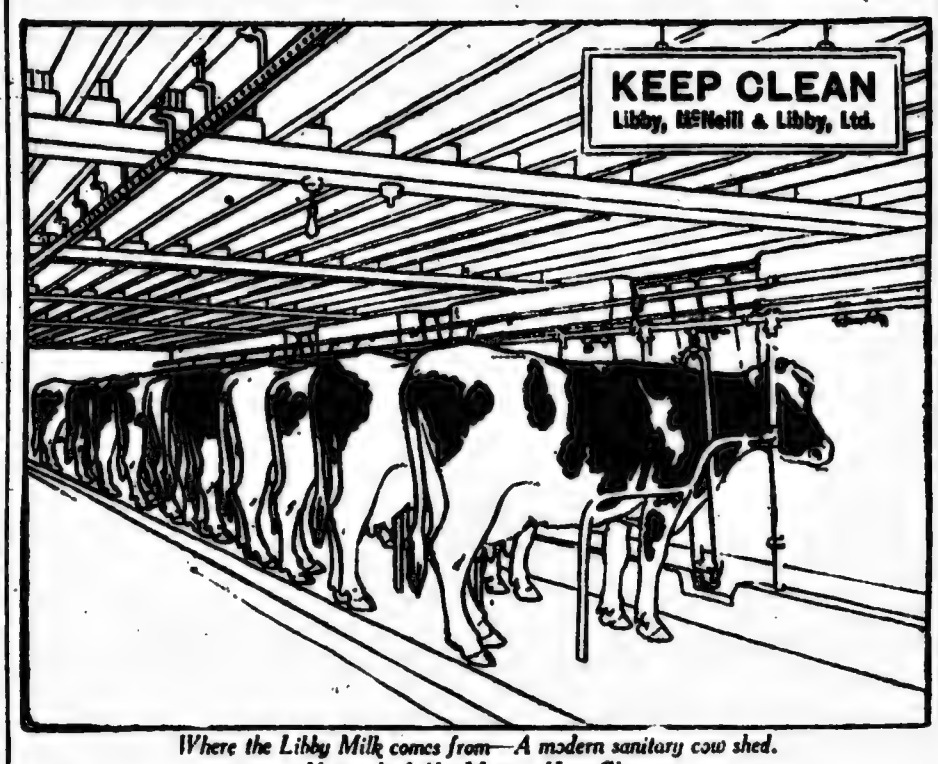

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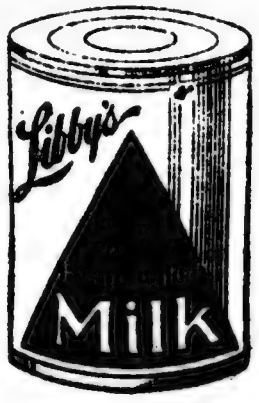

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Poultry for Parsons.

Apropos of our recent comments on the case of clergymen desirous of adding to their small incomes by "part-time" work, a correspondent suggests poultry-farming as being particularly remunerative at the present price of new-laid eggs. Clergy in the towns can hardly avail themselves of the idea, and we are not sure whether the high price of feeding-stuffs and absence of leisure would always make it practicable in rural districts, but we publish the suggestion in the hope that it may prove of benefit to some parsons.

23s. in the Pound!

A professional reader—an artist—sends us an instructive table showing how the Middle-Classes are affected by the constant rise in local rates. In 1916 he paid £16, which rose to £16 15s. in 1917, and £19 6s. 4d. for the following year; 1919 witnessed a further jump to £26 13s., but the current year, with rates at 23s. in the pound, eclipsed all previous records by increasing to £39 5s. 4d. The upshot is that our correspondent has to "work more than three times as hard" as in pre-war days to keep pace with this and other continuous increases in the cost of living. And in some places, unfortunately, the rates are even higher than this appalling figure.

Pensions and Pensions.

In addition to the disparity in the pay of teachers, to which we have frequently referred, there are great differences in their pensions. Elementary teachers approaching pensionable age (65), find that their retiring allowance is based on half the average of their last five years' salary. If that is small, so is the pension. As an example, we have before us the case of two schoolmasters, who both entered on their career at the same time. One, being fortunate enough to secure a London headmastership, is about to retire on a pension of £225 a year, plus a lump sum payment of £580. The other, who has had 44 years as a headmaster in the West Country, receives £90 a year, with a lump sum of £230. Such a discrepancy is too glaring to require any comment.

MORE "BLACK COAT" ORGANISATION.

The decision of commercial travellers to organise themselves on Trade Union lines, briefly referred to in our last issue, is the more significant inasmuch as they already possess a powerful national association. But this does not deal with salaries, or with matters affecting individual travellers or their employers, and it is felt that an organisation concerning itself with the financial aspect of the calling is a need of the times. In view of the positions which are being offered to competent salesmen at £3 a week or less, there would seem to be work for the new organisation.

A TAX ON ILLNESS.

It would be a boon to thousands of poor Middle-Class invalids like myself if the regulation as to "nothing less than a bottle of spirits being allowed to be bought" were abolished. My case, a typical one, is that of a chronic invalid with a very weak heart. I ought always to have a bottle of brandy in the house as a restorative, but it is impossible for me to buy one at the present price, consequently I must chance sudden death at any time owing to this absurd regulation.—From Mrs. M. EDWARDS, Marlborough Mansions, Acre Lane, London, S.W., to whom a cheque for five guineas has been sent.

A TALE OF TWO SALARIES.

Two advertisements appeared side by side in a daily paper a few days ago. One was for a Lecturer in Modern History for New College, Oxford, at a salary of £300 a year—less than £6 a week. The other offered a commencing salary of £800 a year as Manager of the Dublin Port and Docks Board's warehouses, docks, and Customs House. Quite obviously, it does not pay Middle-Class parents to give their sons an expensive education so that they may be qualified to enter a learned profession.

Same Work, Different Pay.

We have before now commented on the difference between the pay of permanent and temporary Government employees doing the same work. A further instance of disparity is provided by the practice prevailing in Record Offices. While clerks engaged prior to June 21st, 1919, have recently been granted a 20 per cent. increase, ex-soldiers employed subsequent to that date have not received the bonus, besides being paid on a lower scale. As all the clerks undertake the same class of work, the reason for such discrimination is one of those things no fellow can understand.

Ex-Service Students.

It is a commonplace that the increased cost of living is making itself very much felt at the Universities and Colleges. Ex-Service students are specially affected. Very many are receiving just over three pounds a week, out of which they have to pay for lodging, food, clothing, all books, and travelling expenses, in addition to maintaining themselves during vacation. The sum is entirely inadequate to present-day conditions, but the educational authorities are apparently too indifferent to take any steps in the matter. There is a fine chance here for some wealthy philanthropist to show his public spirit.

Helping Themselves.

A reader, who evidently does not keep abreast of current happenings, queries whether the Middle-Classes can do anything to help themselves, on the ground that legislation can hardly assist them, while "combined action is difficult among a class where thought predominates and action takes a back seat." But that is just what action is not doing nowadays, as witness the newly-found unity and activity among such black-coated and thinking workers as bank and insurance clerks, architects, surveyors, draughtsmen, and other technical employees. All these have learnt that Heaven helps no one who makes no attempt to help himself.

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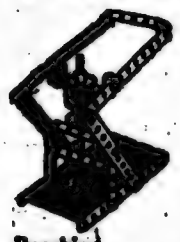

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For "The Palace":—The staffs at Alexandra Palace are being cut down, but we notice that soldiers who went through the late war are getting the sack, while females, non-combatants, and men with pensions from recent wars are being kept on. We shall place this matter before higher authority, and those who select the recipients of the Order of the Boot may look out for trouble.

Bilking Them:—We are piling up evidence showing that men who re-enlisted for one, two, three, or four years, with the promise on their attestation papers that separation allowance to their families would be continued, are being rooked. In a short time we hope to make extended remarks on this little matter—with others.

The "Patricia":—The trouble with the troops on the *Patricia*, already related to us, had its bed-rock beginning at the Indian Dispersal Camp at Deolali, where the men had long awaited her sailing for home, some of them for as much as three months. The camp is described as very dirty, and the men are overburdened with duties. The very slow passage of the *Patricia* added to the mischief, but the main complaint is still against that camp at Deolali, and is made for the sake of the men who will yet have to pass through it.

Lest We Forget:—When war began there was a National Reserve and Social Club in Middlesbrough. The Secretary—who occupied a similar position in regard to the N.C.O.s Mess—and club steward went to war, and their jobs went to stay-at-homes. Now the warriors are back and are denied their posts. In this case dog eats dog. What have the people of Middlesbrough to say about it—and do ex-Service men continue to be members of the Club?

Those Decorations:—To the hundreds who write to us each week asking when they will receive their stars and decorations, we can only reply that it will be years before the issue is completed. In the meantime, we have seen the Victory Medal, which is a "gong" that would be an insult if handed to a successful competitor in a domino competition.

British "Blue Noses":—Active Service ratings based at Newfoundland complain that they are suffering severely financially owing to the exchange, each man losing £2 10s. to £3 a month on account of this drawback. Tommy and Jack are enlisted for so much a day in British money, and we have always held the view that they should get the full value, at home or abroad, rates of exchange being damned. But the soldier and sailor have no Trades Unions and do not strike; wherefore, most Members of Parliament do not care a tinker's cuss about them.

The Pensions Show:—The Minister of Pensions has appointed Mr. P. F. Atkin as Secretary to the Departmental Committee on Administration. Communications for the Committee should be addressed to Cromwell House, Millbank, S.W.1.

Your Money, Jack:—Salvage money is ready for the crew of H.M. tug *Hullman*, who salved the schooner *Volkerak* on 19th May, 1919. Also to the officers and crew of H.M. tug *Granite City*, who brought in the fishing trawler *Savitri* on May 31st, 1919.

Our Daily "Thank You":—From S. H. A., St. Leonard's Road, Hythe.—"Just a line to thank you for the prompt way in which you obtained for me my pension, also arrears. My long correspondence resulted in nothing, but exactly seven days after writing to you my claim was settled in full. You most certainly made somebody get a move on. Please accept enclosed for your Fund."

RACING NOTES.

(All enquiries in respect of sporting matters will be dealt with in the correspondence columns of the SPORTING LIFE.)

Powerful Jumping Stables.

Given an open winter and little interference from frost and snow, the present N.H. season promises to be intensely interesting. The three stables run by the Hon. Aubrey Hastings, R. Gore and F. Hartigan have better class horses than ever before. It is a big price to pay £16,000 for two steeplechase horses. This was given by Sir James Buchanan for Southampton, due to run at Kempton this week, and Southsea. Unfortunately the latter has met with an accident, and has not therefore come from Ireland to join Gore's string.

Wootton as a N.H. Jockey.

The riding career of Frank Wootton over hurdles this winter will be watched with very close interest. There is no reason why he should not be as successful a rider "over sticks" as he was under Jockey Club Rules. He has all the qualifications that go to make a great jockey.

THIS WEEK'S SELECTIONS.

NEWBURY—WEDNESDAY.
Novices Steeplechase—ARRAVALE.
Hants Hurdle Race—GAY SCHOLAR.
Open Steeplechase—*TRENTINO.

NEWBURY—THURSDAY.
Juvenile Maiden Hurdle—*DISCREET.
Cranborne Steeplechase—WAVEBEAM.
Moderate Hurdle—LIMPSFIELD.

KEMPTON PARK—FRIDAY.
Novices Steeplechase—LLANTHONY.
Kempton Park Hurdle Handicap—*WHITE HEAT.
Uxbridge Steeplechase—THE KNOCKS.

KEMPTON PARK—SATURDAY.
Middlesex Steeplechase—GARRYVOE.
Richmond Steeplechase—*SOUTHAMPTON.
Sunbury Hurdle Race—DOUBLE UP.

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Up Against It:—A man in distress has a wife and seven olive branches, all under 14. The total income of the family is £1 a week. One child has been taken to hospital with fever, and another is ill at home.

A Genuine Sufferer:—A woman lost her two sons in the war. Now her husband has died uninsured, and she is alone. But we helped, and arranged for her future comfort.

Struggling:—A poor woman has a consumptive husband, whilst her son has just come back from a sanatorium. She endeavoured to make ends meet by selling sweets, but has fallen upon evil times, and wanted stock, when she appealed to us.

Many of Them:—We helped many unemployed ex-soldiers with families who were starving on the out-of-work dole, and who were wearing out their lives tramping around in the vain quest of a job.

Almost Alone:—A poor widow has one friend in the world—her little son. She supports herself and the boy, but is now ill, and expenses had mounted up before she remembered us.

HOW WE ARE BOMBARDED.

A fortnight ago we mentioned the case of a Holloway woman who lyingly alleged that two of her children were dead and two others were dying of diphtheria—children that she never had. She spent a week in jail and, on our appeal, was bound over.

We are determined in the future to serve in the same way every case of attempted fraud—perhaps without an appeal for mercy, for the money sent to us is a sacred trust. No genuine case of distress is ever turned away. Since we first appealed to you, you helped us to relieve over 12,000 families, the grants running from £1 to £5. It has been a grand work, and very heartening to us, and no doubt to *you*. Appeals are increasing as unemployment grows. Continue to help us, and enlist recruits among your friends. This is the one Fund where there are no "sticky fingers," where no official is paid even a sixpence out of contributions, and where the total cost of administration is paid by ourselves.

Since we prosecuted this woman we have had several other "try-ons" from Holloway, and now have in hand the case of another women forger, who sends us an alleged doctor's certificate endorsed, "Singed (*sic*) Doctor So and So." Letters of application from the same vicinity reached us to the tune of half-a-dozen a day, accompanied by a particular Vicar's recommendation, not guaranteeing the statements made, but simply stating that he would be glad if we would help the applicants. So far as we are concerned, Holloway is now under double suspicion.

In the meantime, as the weeks pass, unemployment and destitution increase, and the wings of the famine bird flaps over many thousands of households. It is no joy to us to write about the frauds and rascals who bombard us for your money; our desire is to show you that, so far as is humanly possible, we administer every shilling you subscribe as you would wish. Keep on sending, and get recruits to help you and ourselves to assist the starving and distressed!

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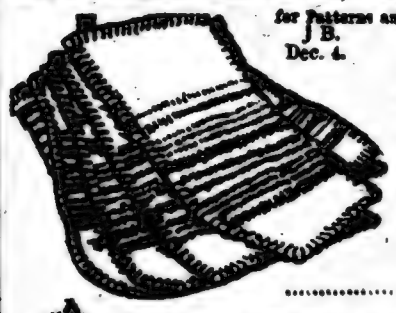

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Over-Extended Credit.

Ever since the end of the holiday season, there has been a constant procession of new capital issues on a huge scale, and it is not surprising that both Lombard St. and Throgmorton St. are beginning to regard the position with a considerable amount of anxiety. It is certain that many offers of tempting preference shares and short-term notes have been made at the instigation of banks for the purpose of getting their overdrafts reduced to manageable dimensions.

Forcing Economy.

No one will be disposed to cavil at a policy which strengthens the banks against the difficult times ahead, and in a period of financial stress it is of the utmost importance that the banks should be able to give prompt succour where it is most urgently needed. It also tends to reduce the spending power of the public, and after a period of inflation that is an important factor in helping to lower prices. The man who invests £100 or £1,000 in stocks or shares will have so much less to spend on champagne dinners or fur coats or motor cars, and the money will be more productively employed.

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But if the public do not subscribe to new issues, and they have to be "taken care of" by underwriters, the position is not improved to any material extent. The banks (as a whole) merely substitute one overdraft for another, and their position, if not worse, is certainly no better. This has happened in the case of a number of new issues. It is an indication that the reservoir of capital is running dry, and that credit is again being over-extended. And it must never be forgotten that the Government are, and for some time to come will be, constant borrowers, and if they have to compete with private enterprises in the race for money it only means that higher interest will have to be offered, and that does no good to national finance.

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Doleful Markets.

To what extent the rush of new issues is responsible for the existing stagnation on the Stock Exchange it is difficult to say, but markets are certainly in the doldrums. There is an uneasy feeling all round. Nobody knows quite what to expect next, and some rather important failures in America and on the Continent, as well as difficulties in Mincing Lane, have added to the anxiety. Things have never recovered from the effects of the coal strike, which called prominent attention to the fact that trade is declining, and unemployment increasing. We are in a transition stage from a period of high prices, and the re-adjustment of values is always a trying experience for the holders of big stocks. They have to cut losses and sell securities to make good the deficiency. This phase will pass, but it would be foolish to shut our eyes to the fact that it may last some considerable time.

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E. M. H. (Chingford) AND MANY OTHERS.—The innumerable letters of appreciation we have received in reference to out recent article "Now for Our Unknown Sailor" have touched us deeply. Evidently there is no danger of the nation forgetting the "Boys in Blue."

"HIGHLANDER" (East Newport, Fife).—Quite true: instead of winning the war, what the Americans "really won was world-wide criticism." But they will continue to lay the flattering unction to their soul.

L. L. (The Curragh).—Your verses "To General Townshend," wishing him better luck, must have been prophetically inspired. See how they have come true!

G. B. (Oxford).—"A grand slamm welcome to Oxford in December. May I be there to see your dear face again!" We look forward to that "grand slamm" with mixed feelings. But perhaps it will not be so dreadful as it sounds.

A. A. (Cheltenham).—We have the deepest sympathy with you as a war widow, but when you cavil against the honours paid to the Unknown Warrior, our sympathy is tempered with pained surprise.

A. B. (Vawn, Canada).—Prof. Zimmern, the Welsh University don, in talking fearfully of "the poison running through the life of Wales," merely succeeds in giving a bad imitation of the Gloomy Dean's philippics as regards Britain in general, and is not likely to make anyone's flesh creep.

D. E. C. (Colchester) suggests that Government should hire spare farms and place on them a proportion of out-of-work ex-Service men, under skilled supervision. But the scheme should not involve the creation of a new army of highly-paid officials.

MRS. A. (Addlestone).—We agree that every effort should be made to bring home our poor lads who are buried in Germany, and re-inter them in British soil.

HELEN M. (Stratford-on-Avon).—"Please do all you can to prevent this terrible traffic in poor worn-out horses." Ain't we a-doin' of it? Thanks for the guinea for our Fund.

E. W. P. (Fulham, S.W.).—We have so many awful examples before us of the consequences of Government control, that we boggle at the idea of interference with the boot trade.

SPR. F. J. M. (British Rhine Army).—Before the war the Germans often made fun of our Dreadnoughts, but to-day the joke is on them.

G. C. (Belfast).—Further specimen of your minute caligraphy to hand. In the absence of a sufficiently powerful microscope, we will take it as read.

W. H. B. (Exeter).—Congratulations on the handsome sum raised by the St. Thomas' Carnival. Your fine representation of the traditional John Bull no doubt contributed a good deal to the result.

CPL. P. J. W. (Southampton).—Why do you say you hope "a soldier's grave" is his "last resting-place?" Since the war our own Faith has taken higher flights.

N. K. E. G. (Brighton).—"But for the Navy, we should have been a starving nation." Wrong, dear lady. We should have been enjoying liberal rations of sausage and sauerkraut.

J. H. R. (Liverpool).—You get no watch till you send 9s. 11d. for a chain—which might be worth the odd 11d. It is the old familiar ramp, to which the Bishopsgate Trading Company have added nothing.

A. E. D. (Kensington).—Your poem is much better than the Poet Laureate's, but only because he didn't write one.

A. R. (Southsea).—Sorry, old man, but cannot go nosing round on such a slight scent. Send us something meatier.

"CONSTANT READER" (London, E.C.).—Apparently the L.C.C. *has* approved the distribution of "Save the Children" leaflets among London school children. Far better, in our opinion, if we started this sort of "salvation" at home.

VIOLET T. (Sheerness).—Sorry no room to print your paragraph, dearie, but when a twelve-year-old girl takes the trouble to write to us we are always pleased to send our acknowledgment and thanks.

E. M. P. (Drumlithie).—We are not much enamoured of the proposal to tax bicycles that crops up annually. After all, there is very little cycling for pleasure in these busy days!

CAPT. D. M. T. (Ashanti).—We have repeatedly exposed the shocking conditions obtaining on certain ocean liners. Probably you would have made the trip more comfortably in a rowing boat!

J. E. P. (Manchester).—"Dear Horatio." That's the talk. We hate standoffishness.

H. P. (Thornton Heath).—"With sugar reduced nearly 50 per cent., why are biscuits still at the highest figure?" Cannot say off-hand, but probably you could get told some lies about it by asking the manufacturers direct.

D. R. C. (Montrose).—We appreciate your warm heart, but you must apply to a doctor to cure your cold feet.

"MORMON" (Gloucester).—You might as well try to convince us that King Solomon was a bachelor as that the Mormons are what you say they are.

R. R. (Devonport).—"I could not help admiring your page." Lots of people learn to do so as a habit.

"STOCKWELL" (Brixton).—"'Twas just the loving thoughts of others that brought us together. I died, you dyed, we all died together." You are a cut above our intellect.

"MODESTY" (Kilmacolm) asks the conundrum, "What would women think of men if they altered the length of their trousers every year or so?" But we thought women were shortening that kind of thing all the time.

S. E. (Chatham).—"I should like to make a few suggestions with regard to future anniversaries of Armistice Day." Make 'em, old son, by all means, but don't expect us to foist them on the Government.

J. J. (Maidstone).—Your 10s. has been passed to the London Hospital, as desired. It is such practical sympathy that accomplishes so much.

S. S. (Warminster).—"I take the liberty to bring to your notice a point that I, and many more, consider unfair in the employment of ex-soldiers as clerks in various Government offices." How can the employment of any ex-soldier be unfair?

MRS. M. (Borobridge).—"There once was a person called 'Margot.'"——There perhaps we had better stop, or straight-laced people may refuse to buy us next week.

W. C. P. (Finsbury Park).—After a careful perusal of four closely-written pages, we gather that you have something on your mind. Pity is we can gather little else.

"ONE OF THE STAFF" (Salisbury).—The "poor devils" at a private asylum work from 6 a.m. to 8 p.m., and practically all night, "sleeping with the worst of patients." You must have the best of patience to stick it.

"CONSTANT READER" (Hastings).—Note your suggestion that clergymen should augment their incomes by selling JOHN BULL. How about the poor newsagents? They can't very well do the clerical stunt in *their* odd time, you know.

J. S. M. (Co. Durham).—"It is certainly wrong to steal." Evidently you were nicely brought up!

F. H. D. (Bristol).—"The employment of girls to such an extent is causing so much unemployment, and one of the biggest sinners in that respect is the Bristol Co-operative." Nothing you can tell us about the Co-operative causes us surprise. We are glad the £1 relieved your immediate necessities.

A. G.—We are not anxious to turn women out of clerical life, but we consider that ex-Officers have the first claim upon employers, and more especially the Government Departments.

J. A. D. (West Hartlepool).—You were wise to have no dealings with J. Harmsworth, Ltd., moneylenders, of 17, Charing Cross Road, London, W.C. The concern is run by a usurer named Lewis Levene.

M. B. (New Malden).—"Would you build a house on a plan of small rooms which would pay a rent of £3 a week?" Should prefer large rooms and less rent.

X. Y. Z. (Staines).—"Do not publish my name and address, as I am well-known to the warders, and in and out of prison." Take our tip and stay out.

MRS. E. M. (Mont Pelerin).—Regret impossible to print your poem, although its perusal has given us ten seconds of pure joy.

"EX-SOLDIER" (Quinton).—Two "females" who "laughed and jeered" during the silence of Armistice Day are worthy of no better name.

R. B. (Doncaster).—"What do you think of the rotten way miners are paid?" Wonder you don't ask us the odds on another strike before Christmas.

LIEUT. A. E. M. (Golders Green).—So you think "a celluloid cat has a better chance of getting out of Hell" than we have of getting rid of unctuous Sabbatarianism. A solemn thought, beautifully expressed.

R. L. (Walsall).—Thanks for offer to help out to the extent of £4 6s. 8d. with the rent of the poor old age pensioner, mentioned in our issue of November 18th, under the title "Hard, Very Hard," if someone else will do the same. Perhaps kind readers will glance back at the paragraph and forward us the cash.

F. J. J. H. (Southend).—We agree that the conduct of the youth who wore at the Skating Carnival a shroud on which was sewn a piece of brown cloth to represent a coffin "and on his back a placard bearing the words 'An Unknown Warrior,'" was in shocking bad taste.

B. B. (Ayrshire).—Cannot quite see why you should bother us about the woman who had ten children. It was not our fault!

"MARRIED WOMAN" (No Address).—Do you think it is quite wise to ask us to "publish things about your husband"? Better by far to chat it over with the next-door neighbour.

"POET" (Manchester).—The verse you call a limerick sent our office boy into hysterics with much resulting inconvenience. So please don't do it again.

MRS. E. J. S. (Edinburgh).—The parrot you paid Chapman £5 10s. for died in two days and was no talker, for it did not even make a last dying speech.

(Many replies are unavoidably held over.)

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Address, Pen Dept., JOHN BULL, Long Acre, London, W.C.2. *(Dec. 4th, 1920.*

P.O.s should be made payable to "John Bull" and crossed & Co.

N.B.—State whether you prefer a Fine, Medium, or Broad Nib.

SMALL ADS. WORTH WATCHING

15/- per line. (Minimum 3 lines).

"A SURE LIVING." Selling Ready-mades and General Drapery. Quick sale, big profits. No experience required. Sample Parcels from 10/6, Rolls from £2. Satisfaction guaranteed. Repeat Orders arriving daily. Price List and "Beginners' Guide" free.—E., Fulatine Warehouse, 63B, Medley Street, Manchester.

BEST AND CHEAPEST wholesale warehouse for beginners. Remnants, Drapery, Ready-mades, Travellers' Samples. Send for catalogue. Cochran's Warehouse, 1, Victoria Bridge, Manchester.

GOOD SPARE-TIME AGENCY.—Applications invited from respectable working men in regular employment to supply Boots, Suits, Drapery, Watches and Jewellery for cash or credit. Liberal supply of samples. Commission highest paid.—Apply, Freeman, Contractors, H.M. Government, Lavender Hill, London.

OVERCOATS AND SUITS TURNED equal to new. Send garments for estimate. Price list. Write L. Silk and Co. (J.B.), 54, City Road, E.C.1. WE COLLECT. 'Phone Central 1812.

CATALOGUE? Yes! Your name and address on card, and one shall be sent. G. F. Letts, Fruit Grower, 38, Hadleigh, Suffolk.

EARN £6 A WEEK.—Easy work. Generous pay. A straightforward proposition. Write at once for particulars. Maximum Shoe Co., Ltd., 9B, Maximum Works, Northampton.

U need Sheffield STAINLESS KNIVES for Table. Extraordinary Value. Table 26/-, 27/6; Dessert 22/-, 23/- half dozen. Post paid. Cash returned if not satisfied. Ernest Bros. 21 (B) Princes St., Ipswich.

SUITS, Overcoats, turned successfully, descriptive booklet and price list, write the Invisible Repair Co., Dept. J.B., 47, Martin's Court, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4. Established 1905.

NEU-METAL will mend your leaking, broken or faulty pots, kettles, etc. NO TOOLS, ACIDS or HEAT REQUIRED. 1/- and 2/6 post free. Thomas Crane, Ld. (Dept. 10), 43, Dover St., W.1.

THE REFLECTOGRAPH.—The toy that teaches drawing. A simple and novel apparatus for copying drawings, designs, etc. A child can use it. Prices 1/3, 2/6 and 5/-. Rickman & Co., 2, Thomas Street, Liverpool.

BRADFORD MANUFACTURER'S STARTLING ANNOUNCEMENT.—56/58 ins. Super ROYAL INDIGO SERGES, 16/- & 18/- per yard. Any length cut. Patterns free. Manufacturer, 17, St. Margaret's Road, Bradford.

To SCENARIO WRITERS. Author-journalist, six years' experience leading Film Firms, would read, criticise and edit MSS. Highest references. Box 1161, National Adv. Service, 83, Abbs Chambers, Ludgate Hill, E.C.4.

FOR ALL NERVE TROUBLES send postcard for free sample of Curnoc—the Liquid Nerve Food.—Co. Curnoc Co. (Dep. 2), Elm Grove, London, S.E.15.

HARRIS TWEEDS, direct from Scotland, genuine hand-made, hard-wearing, all-wool tweed, direct from weaver to wearer, 11/6 a yard, assorted patterns sent free.—A. Driver (Dept. 249), 68, Eastgate, Inverness, Scotland.

LEARN Dutton's 24-hour shorthand, 3s. per month, secure speed of 150 words per minute. Specimen lesson, 2d.—Dutton's College, Dept. 12, Skegness.

BARGAINS.—16-page Bargain List, in addition to my large Catalogue, sent free on request. Such articles as Boys' Boots at 10/6 per pair, Men's Flannel Shirts 10/6. Big reduction in Blankets, Sheets, Raincoats, Hot Water Bottles, etc. Huge list of cycles, Tyres, and all Accessories sent immediately. Just write "Catalogue, please," and the Catalogue will be posted free of charge by return.—Address, H. Fitzpatrick, Dept. 53, Burnley.

ROYAL AIR FORCE.
RECRUITS WANTED.

SKILLED MEN required for the following trades: Carpenters, Cooks, Cameras Repairers, Cooks and Butchers, Compressmiths, Dynamo and Switchboard Attendants, Engine Drivers, Fitters, Driver (Petrol), Hospital Orderlies, Musicians, Painters, Photographers, Pipers (Indian Engineers), Sheet Metal Workers, Storekeepers, Tinsmiths, Wireless Operator Mechanics. Age 18 to 38. Civilians and ex-H.M. ex-Service men. UNSKILLED RECRUITS also required.

For full particulars call or write—
INSPECTOR OF RECRUITING, Royal Air Force, 4, Henrietta St., Covent Garden, W.C.2.

£300, £400, £500 SALARY for Certificated Book-keepers. Postal tuition 6s. monthly. Success guaranteed two exams. Prospectus free.—City Correspondence College (Dept. 9), 69, New Oxford Street, London, W.1.

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LEARN to write advertisements and earn from £5 to £10 weekly upwards, both sexes.—Write, Secretary, Dept. J.B., Dixon Institute of Advertising, 136, Oxford Street, London.

A KNOWLEDGE OF SPANISH doubles the worth of a man (or woman) in Commerce, Literature, and the leading professions. Postal tuition. Booklet free.—Hamm School (Dept. 30), Southwell, Notts.

56 lbs. Finest Washing Soap, 23/9 carr. pd. Money refunded if dissatisfied. British Cleaner Co., Ltd., 46, Victoria St., Manchester.

OVERCOATS, Suits and Costumes Turned Successfully. Send garments for estimate.—W. Young Co. (D.2), 151, Fleet St., London, E.C.4.

£10 CAPITAL. — Your living guaranteed. Write now for FREE Guide of Drapery, Boots, etc. H. Marks, 154, Houndsditch, London, E.1.

FREE.—Write at once for Illustrated Catalogue, "How to commence in business with £10." H. Marks, 51-52, Houndsditch, London, E.1. Cheapest wholesale warehouse for Drapery, Blouses, Overalls, Costumes, Gent's Clothing.

SPORTING GUNS, 12 Bore, Single Barrel, 45/-, 60/-. Double £5, Folding (unique), £7. Hammerless £7. 10s. .410 Single Barrel £3. Double £4 10s. Beginner's Gun with supply Cartridges 35/-; Air Guns 7/6. Guns bought.—J. B. Armoury, 41, Newington Butts, London, S.E.11.

SALVATION ARMY CONDUCTED PARTIES. Spring, 1921. Now booking. Men, Women, Children. Canada, Australia, New Zealand, South Africa and U.S.A. Lowest Rates. 1st, 2nd and 3rd Class. Splendid opportunities for women settlers. Fares advanced in approved cases—widows and single women—household service. Ex-service men's Warrant Books exchanged. Work guaranteed on the land. Exceptional facilities for comfort and protection women and children travelling by land or sea. Expert up-to-date advice about countries and conditions.—Apply, Commissioner Lamb, 122, Queen Victoria Street, London, E.C.4.

£2 to £20 WEEKLY if you can sketch.—Write, Dept. 50, Holborn Studios, 28, Golden Square, London, W.1.

MATERNITY (Finlay's Patents). Adjustable any size. Gowns from 24s., Skirts 21s. Cravenettes 24s. Corsets 25/6. Free wonderful Baby Book. Fashion Bulletin. Patterns on request. —Finlay's, 250, Houldsworth St., Manchester.

SHOPKEEPERS, Beginners and Demobilised Men. Hosiery, Drapery, Underclothing, Haberdashery, Fancy Goods, Stationery, Xmas Novelties. Supplied by cheapest warehouse in the trade. Mail Warehouse, 133, Houndsditch, E.1.

ACCOUNTANCY, SECRETARYSHIP, COSTING, ADVERTISING, SHORTHAND.
Specialised Postal Courses (exam. coaching, and practical training). Individual tuition taken at home, in spare time, under a staff of Homeservants, Chartered Accountants, and Barristers-at-Law. Moderate fees—by instalments, if preferred.
Send postcard for "Student's Guide," free and post paid.—Metropolitan College, Dept. 31, St. Albans.

OVERCOATS and Suits Turned Successfully. Descriptive booklet and Price List FREE.—The City Repair Co. (D.B.), 290, High Holborn, W.C.

FURNITURE, 35 gns. Home all complete. Gigantic Sale before rebuilding. A Great Bargain, including the strong made front-room suite with large couch, 2 Gent's Easy & 4 Standard Chairs, Walnut Overmantel, extending dining table, Heavy brass rail fender & fire set. Full size handsome brass mounted Bedstead, with wire spring mattress and all quite new bedding, complete. Nice reflecting mirror Bedroom suite, with large Dressing Chest, Washstand and Chairs to match, 2 rolls Linoleum, Range, Mats, Carpet, Table, also Kitchen Furniture, Arm and other Chairs, all in new condition, for 35 gns. Would separate, deliver free, or could remain in store until wanted. Write or call for free lists, Moore's (Warehousing and Removal Dept.), facing Herne Hill Railway Station. 'Phone Brixton 2998.

STEINHOUSE PILLS for Rheumatism, Gout, Sciatica, Lumbago, etc. Sir Benjamin Brodie's prescription (1850). The Finest Liver Tonic; Prevention and Cure. A Cure is found in Every Box. All Chemists. Trial Box, 2/1.—STEINHOUSE PILLS, Ltd., 47, Standard Buildings, Leeds.

"CARLTON" tobacco pouch (patented), the ideal Xmas present; novel, unique, airtight; real morocco or suede leather; 3s. each, post free.—Novelty Co., 110, Oakfield Road, Balsall Heath, Birmingham.

GOVERNMENT SURPLUS. New Army Serge Breeches 20/-, nearly new 15/-. Motor-Cyclist's Fawn Waterproof Gabardine Overall Suits with hood 25/-. New Brown and Black Field Boots 30/-. Ladies' High-legged Field Boots, Black 30/-, Brown 28/-. New Australian Boots, 30/-. Postage extra. Send for list of other goods. H. J. Lethbridge & Son, 75, George Street, Devonport.

MOULDINGS, Glass, Tools, Pictures.—Great bargains in Oaks, Compos, Mouldings, &c.; best 1-in Slips, 12s. 6d.; 2-in., 18s. 6d. per 100 ft.; send now for illustrated list; postage 2d.—Watkins, Provider, 126, Chepstow Road, Newport, Mon.

ADAPTABLE Self Haircutter (super-bladed), reliability guaranteed. 4/9 post free. Fateman & Co., Meethall Ch., Nottingham. Agents wanted.

REAL NAVY SERGE, as supplied H.M. Navy, 3/11, 4/11, 5/3 yd.; patts. free. L. C. Fleming & Co., Naval Contractors, Queen St., Portsmouth.

DO YOU ADVERTISE? Your advertisement inserted in 56 Provincial Newspapers for 6/6. London and suburban series same price.—Write for prospectus, Central Press (Series Dept. 60), 190, Strand, London, W.C.2.

REAL HARRIS and Lewis Homespuns. Direct from makers; best quality only; patterns free. Harris Tweed Depot, James Street, Stornoway.

DO YOU WANT FRIENDS? If so, send 4d. for "THE LINK" (not matrimonial). LINK, 5, Wine Office Court, E.C.

GRAMOPHONE, 6 tunes, 200 needles, £3 17s. 6d. car. pd. Approval willingly. Records, 28s. 6d. doz. Complete Gramophone and Record Catalogue, free. (State which required.) Fresco, Dept. "O," 174, Lavender Hill, S.W.11.

BLANKETS. ARMY. LARGE.—Satisfaction guaranteed or money returned. 6/-, packing and postage 1/- extra; 22/- for 4, packing and postage free. Some suitable for overcoats and making up.—S. Kallaby, Ltd., 54-56, High Street, Shadwell, London, E.1.

Ingersoll Yankee Ivorine Radiolite, a Watch and Clock combined, 23/6.

Ingersoll Yankee Radiolite, 21/-.

Whether you find yourself amongst these types or not—whatever your age or occupation—there is an Ingersoll to meet your needs.

There's an Ingersoll for everyone.

Because it is essential that you should have the correct time, it is sound economy to own an Ingersoll; the Ingersoll *guaranteed* timekeeper is the lowest priced *good* watch made.

If you own an expensive watch, then the sturdy Ingersoll will prove a trusty auxiliary to take the wear and tear of every-day life

Ingersoll Radiolites have radium luminous hands and figures of lasting quality, which glow the time clearly in the dark. They are 100 per cent. efficient.

There's an Ingersoll for every purpose from 7/6 down to 17/6, including:—

	Price
Ingersoll Reliance, Gold Filled (Plain Dial), 7 Jewels	15/-
Ingersoll Wrist Radiolite	40/-
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High-class watch dealers throughout the World sell Ingersoll Watches, but if your dealer cannot supply you, any model you wish will be sent, post free, upon receipt of price. Handsome Illustrated Catalogue of the full range of Ingersoll Watches post free.

INGERSOLL WATCH COMPANY, Ltd.,
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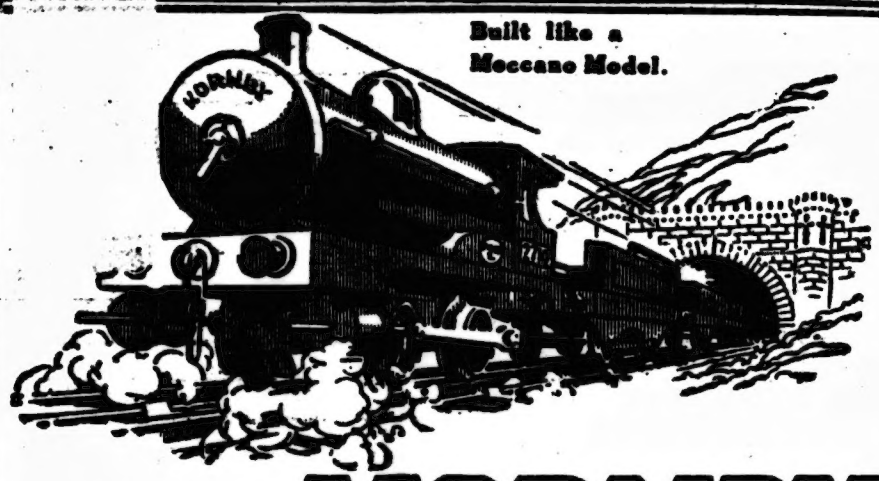

Built like a Meccano Model.

THE HORNBY CLOCKWORK TRAIN

THE Hornby Train is first of all the smartest looking and the smoothest running Clockwork Train you ever saw.

But the Hornby Train has also a remarkable new feature It can be taken entirely to pieces and rebuilt, just like a Meccano model—all the parts being standardised.

If one of the parts is damaged or lost, you can replace it with a new one, and fit it yourself.

Supplied in Gauge o in three different colours to represent the L. & N.W., G.N., and Midland Railway systems. Each Engine is fitted with Reversing Gear, Brakes and Regulators. Price, complete with Engine, Tender, Goods Wagon, and strong steel track, packed in fine box **27/6**

Perfect Mechanism
Beautiful Finish
Standardised Parts

Look for this mark when buying a Clockwork Train. *It indicates that your Train has been manufactured by Meccano Limited, and it has our full guarantee of quality, efficiency, and workmanship behind it.*

Meccano Ltd. : Binns Rd. : Liverpool.

FREE TO BOYS.
A SPLENDID NEW MECCANO BOOK.
This is a beautiful new book which shows boys how to enjoy every minute of their play hours. It tells you all about the Hornby Clockwork Train, and all the other Meccano products.
TO GET A FREE COPY just show this advt. to three chums and send us their names and addresses.
Address, your letter to Dept M.

THE "JOHN BULL" GUARANTEE. *We guarantee the goods advertised by every firm whose trade announcement appears in JOHN BULL, i.e., we hold ourselves responsible for their being of the quality and standard represented at the time of purchase and the date of payment, either in full or of first instalment, and if any reader can show just cause for dissatisfaction with the purchase of any goods made through any trade advertisement in our columns we will refund the purchase money, provided the goods complained of are sent to us within one week from the date of original purchase. All communications should be addressed to JOHN BULL, Advertisement Department, 93, Long Acre, London, W.C. 2.*

BULLETS' RECORD XMAS OFFER

FIRST PRIZE

2ND PRIZE 100 GUINEAS

3RD PRIZE 50 GUINEAS

1,000 GUINEAS

10 Prizes of 3 GUINEAS

10 Prizes of 3 GUINEAS

100 Prizes of 1 GUINEA

200 PRIZES OF 5/-

1,000 PRIZES OF 2/6

2,000 POPULAR NOVELS

3,000 "TARGET" PRIZES

HOW TO MAKE "BULLETS."

First choose any of the Forty examples given below. Then give **TWO, THREE** or **FOUR** words having some bearing on the example chosen. Any **ONE** of the words selected must begin with any letter in the example chosen. The other words selected can begin with any letters in the alphabet. This example will guide you: Example:—Fair Fight. Bullet:—For Seat in Parliament. Competitors may send in two BULLETS for sixpence. *If* more coupons are used, an entry fee at the rate of 6d. for each coupon must be sent.

LIST OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 397.

OUR SOVEREIGN	LETTING WIFE HAVE IT	ALL BRITISH	MY CHRISTMAS BOX
SERVING HIS COUNTRY	FATHER'S KID	STATE SALARY	WHAT A NUISANCE
GOOD BOY	NOTHING TO BOAST OF	MOTHER OF TEN	GREAT TEMPTATION
BOXING	A LUCKY HIT	A PESSIMIST	A WEAK MAN
MAKES US COMPLAIN	NEVER	GETTING THE BIRD	IN THE DOCK
FIGHTING CHANCE	TOMMY'S HOME	STANDING TOGETHER	NEW WORLD
AFTER HIS HEART	PAST AND PRESENT	ALL AT SEA	THE MAIDEN'S PRAYER
MY DREAM	ENGLISH HEROES	READY TO STRIKE	BAD SPIRITS
IN TEN YEARS' TIME	MIGHT DO WORSE	SELLING RACE	MOST AGITATING WHEN
DEAR TO US	LOWER ORDERS	NOT FOR ME	GOVERNMENT GRANTS

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 16th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(397) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 1 Coupon send P.O. for 6d.

Signed _____

Address _____

☞ If unable to secure extra coupons you can write your "Bullets" on plain paper.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 16th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(397) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 2 Coupons send P.O. for 1s.

Signed _____

Address _____

Envelopes should be marked "Bullets" No. 397, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2.

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 16th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(397) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 3 Coupons send P.O. for 1s. 6d.

Signed _____

Address _____

No. _____ Closing Date, Thursday, Dec. 16th.

Example _____

Bullet _____

Example _____

Bullet _____

(397) P.O. No. _____

I agree to enter this Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions announced on this page.
With 4 Coupons send P.O. for 2s.

Signed _____

Address _____

Result of Competition No. 395 ("Bullets" £1,000 Offer) will be published in next week's issue.

BULLETS RULES.

1. The *First Prize* will be awarded for what, in the opinion of the Judges, in consultation with the Editor, is the best "Bullet" received, and the other prizes in order of merit, the test being cleverness, aptness and originality.
2. Bullets must be plainly written on one of the coupons, and only two attempts may be written on each coupon.
3. All four coupons may be used, and a postal order enclosed at the rate of 6d. for each coupon made use of, which must be made payable to John Bull and crossed _____ and Co. Competitors must write their names and addresses and the date of sending the order on the back of the postal order, the number of which must be duly noted on each coupon submitted. Coupons must not be mutilated.
4. All coupons arriving too late to be judged with absolute thoroughness will be duly returned.
5. The Editor undertakes that every Bullet received shall have careful consideration by a competent staff of qualified Judges.
6. The Editor's decision on any matter of dispute arising in connection with this competition must be accepted as final and legally binding in all respects, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

SELECTION OF EXAMPLES FOR "BULLETS" COMPETITION No. 396.

CHRISTMAS TOYS	HAPPY AFTER
UNPOPULAR	TROUBLESOME FELLOW
OUT OF HAND	LETTING US DOWN
MOST ENTERTAINING	GRAVE WARNING
UNFORTUNATELY	DESPISED
BRAVE AND TRUE	WORTH TRYING
DRY HUMOUR	MISSING
PLAYING THE MAN	FOOLISH QUESTION
WORN OUT	UNFRIENDLY RELATIONS
IN QUEER STREET	FALSE ALARM

These examples can be made use of on the Coupons on this page and must reach us on or before **THURSDAY, December 23rd.** All coupons so used **MUST** be clearly marked with the number **396** in the top left-hand corner, and envelopes containing these coupons must be addressed "Bullets" No. 396, "John Bull," Long Acre, London, W.C.2. Such coupons must not contain any of the Forty examples for Competition 397.

OUR GREAT XMAS GIFT OFFER

A REQUEST

See page 22.

THE JOHN BULL GREAT FREE FIRE INSURANCE

COVERING ALL RISKS BY FIRE TO HOME, LIFE & LIMB.

UNDER this most unique FREE INSURANCE OFFER anyone above the age of 10 can be insured irrespective of sex.

The premium charged by any Fire and Accident Insurance Company to secure similar benefits would certainly exceed 5s. per annum. We offer it to you absolutely free.

We have made our insurance as simple and comprehensive as possible, and shall not bother about any "Legal Representative" or "next of kin." Claims will be paid to the registered reader, who must personally sign the coupon, or to the person nominated thereon, and to no one else.

A separate coupon must be filled up in respect to each person to be insured.

This offer applies only to persons residing in, and property situated in, England, Scotland, and Wales.

The full conditions governing this scheme will be published from time to time.

WHAT WE WILL PAY:

For Damage to contents of Home by Fire up to	£200
In case of Death directly due to Fire at Registered Reader's home	£200
For the Loss of Two Limbs or Both Eyes, or One Limb and One Eye	£200
For the Loss of One Limb or One Eye	£100
Medical Fees for Injuries not proving fatal but incapacitating the injured person from following his, or her, employment, up to ..	£10
In the event of a Temporary Total Disablement up to 52 weeks ..	£1 per week

ORDER FORM

To be Retained by Newsagent.

To.....
Newsagent.

Please deliver "JOHN BULL" to me regularly until further notice.

Signed.....

Address.....

Dec. 4, 1920.

You must also fill in the Registration Form, which will be found next to this, and post it to John Bull Insurance Dept. 63, Long Acre, London, W.C.2, where your name and the name of your nominee will be duly registered.

REGISTRATION FORM

Which must be posted to—
John Bull INSURANCE DEPT., Long Acre, W.C.2.

This is to notify that I have this day placed an order for the regular weekly supply of John Bull with

.....Newsagent, of

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and desire you to register me as a regular subscriber under the terms of your Insurance Scheme.

In the event of my being injured or killed, or of my home or its contents being damaged, I hereby nominate to receive any payment due under this insurance, first myself, or in the event of my death:—

Name of Nominee.....

Address.....

Signature of Insured.....

(Mr., Mrs., or Miss)

Home Address.....

Dec. 4, 1920.

To remain qualified for the benefits, readers must continue to have "John Bull" regularly supplied to them.

Enclose 1d. stamp if an acknowledgment of receipt of Registration Form is required.

£1,500 FOOTBALL PRIZE

NO ENTRANCE FEE! NO GOALS REQUIRED!

THE sum of £1,500 will be paid to the sender of a coupon containing the correct results of the 14 matches given. If 14 correct results are not given, the £1,500 will be awarded to the sender of the most correct results, so that in any event the £1,500 MUST BE WON. This is the

BIGGEST MUST-BE-WON FOOTBALL PRIZE EVER OFFERED

We would advise competitors to make a careful study of football form before filling in their coupons. Scottish and Irish matches can be competed. Competitors may send in as many coupons as they like.

THIS COMPETITION IS EXCLUSIVE TO 'JOHN BULL.'

Coupons do not appear in any other paper.

READ THESE RULES CAREFULLY.

(1) All attempts must be made on coupons taken from the issue of "John Bull" announcing this competition. Coupons must be completely filled in with ink in ordinary handwriting (typewriting or pencil will not be allowed), and in accordance with the instructions given on this page.

(2) The prize of £1,500 (fifteen hundred pounds) will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon containing the correct result of all the matches played to a finish. If no competitor succeeds in giving all the correct results, the prize of £1,500 will be paid to the competitor sending a coupon with the most correct results. In the event of a tie or ties, the prize to be won will be equally divided amongst the most successful competitors. No competitor can receive more than one share of the £1,500. Should any match not be played to a finish on the date given, or as set out on the coupon, it will be disregarded.

HOW TO FILL UP YOUR COUPONS.

If you think the "Home" team will win, place a X in the column headed "Home"; if you think the "Away" team will win, place an X in the column headed "Away"; if you think the result will be a Draw, place a X in the column headed "Draw." **Only one X must be entered for each match.** Coupons must be completely filled up in ink.

(3) Fourteen crosses in all must be marked on each coupon, one for each match. Coupons marked otherwise will be disqualified.

(4) No responsibility will be accepted by the Editor for the loss or non-delivery of any coupon. Proof of posting will not be accepted as proof of delivery or receipt. No correspondence will be entered into nor will interviews be granted.

(5) Any coupon on which an alteration of any kind has been made will be disqualified. Any coupons received later than December 9th will be disqualified.

(6) The Editor's decision must be accepted as final and legally binding in all matters concerning this Competition, and acceptance of this rule is an express condition of entry.

Cut out Coupon neatly and address all entries as follows: Football Competition No. 14, "JOHN BULL," 93, Fleet Street, Covent Garden, London, W.C.2. Write "Football" in top left-hand corner of envelope. All coupons can be enclosed in one envelope, but this must not contain entries for other Competitions.

COMPETITORS MAY SEND AS MANY COUPONS AS THEY LIKE.

THE RESULT OF OUR THIRTEENTH FOOTBALL COMPETITION WILL APPEAR IN NEXT WEEK'S ISSUE.

MUST BE WON

FOR A CORRECT OR NEAREST CORRECT FORECAST OF ONLY 14 MATCHES

"JOHN BULL" FREE FOOTBALL COUPON.

Matches to be played on Saturday, December 11th. Coupons must reach us not later than Thursday, December 9th.

Home Team		Away Team	Home	Away	Draw
Arsenal	v.	Chelsea			
Bradford	v.	Manchester U.			
Burnley	v.	Liverpool			
Derby County	v.	Blackburn R.			
Sheffield U.	v.	Tottenham H.			
Sunderland	v.	W. Bromwich A.			
Barnsley	v.	Bristol City			
Coventry City	v.	Birmingham			
Fulham	v.	Clapton Orient			
Wolverh'ton W.	v.	S. Shields			
Brentford	v.	Luton Town			
Grimsby Town	v.	Southampton			
Norwich City	v.	Millwall			
Portsmouth	v.	Merthyr Town			

☞ Coupons must be cut—not torn out.

I enter "John Bull" Football Competition in accordance with the rules and conditions on this page and agree to accept the Editor's decision as final and legally binding and enter on that understanding.

(14) SIGNED .....

ADDRESS .....

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ARE YOU IRRITABLE?

When a person becomes irritable, complaining and oversensitive, he will find that his friends begin to shun him.

Irritability is one of the manifestations of nervousness, and it becomes worse as the nerves become more unstrung and approach a state of exhaustion. No one is irritable from preference, and this state is often only the outward expression of a great deal of physical suffering which friends do not realise. It is accompanied by headaches, sleeplessness, nervous indigestion and depression. Unless it is promptly checked, neurasthenia develops.

The treatment for the earlier stages of nervousness, as well as the more advanced condition, neurasthenia, is one of nutrition of the nerve cells, requiring a tonic. As the nerves get their nourishment from the blood, the treatment must be directed towards building up the blood. Dr. Williams' pink pills act directly on the blood, and have proved of the greatest benefit in a great many cases of neurasthenia. A tendency to anæmia, or bloodlessness, shown by most nervous people, is also corrected by these tonic pills.

You, too, can improve your health and spirits by beginning Dr. Williams' pink pills now. Of any dealer; or direct from Dr. Williams' Medicine Co., 36, Fitzroy Sq., London, W.1. [Advt.

LIVERPOOL VICTORIA Friendly Society, Est. 1843.

Profits Divided amongst the Policy Holders.

Claims Paid.....£15,000,000
Invested Funds.....£8,000,000
Annual Income.....£3,000,000

All our Branch Offices and Agents transact National Health Insurance. ARTHUR HENRI, Secretary.

Chief Office: 64, ANDREW ST., LONDON, E.C.4.

SARTOR MEANS Ms.

Wonderful Value in RAINCOATS

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